



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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This Month's Front Cover

Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain.

Provenance: The quilt was sold at auction in about 2005 by Bunte Auction Services, Inc. of Elgin Illinois. The quilt was purchased by dealer Jackie Radwin of San Antonio, Texas, who sold in in 2005 to Ivy Zelanka.

"This pictorial wool crazy quilt is unique among the other quilts of its type in the Museum's collection. Crazy quilts are most commonly pieced together with scraps of brightly colored silk and silk ribbons, such as 62.143, 1983.349, 1989.66, 1992.281, and 1993.101. However, The Met's collection also includes several interesting examples of crazy quilts that don't fit the norm, including a printed cotton example (2007.342), a Quaker silk and wool crazy (1974.34), and one made entirely of wool with an Amish provenance (2003.188). The pictorial nature of this quilt makes it particularly special. The images—mostly of animals, people, and things—applied onto each patch seem to reflect the maker's life. Dogs, horses, cows, rabbits, frogs, goats, elephants, and birds appear among a variety of flowers and leaves. Human figures go about their everyday lives: a girl jumps rope, a woman sweeps, and one man carries a ladder while another sits atop a horse. Small patches are applied with small objects such as jugs, shoes, and spoons. At the top right, there is a larger patch with the figure of St. Nick, all dressed in red robes. Unfortunately, the quilt came to the museum from the donor without no firm provenance, so other than the fact that it was last sold at auction in Illinois, we don't know anything about its' maker or where it was originally made.."

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad you have come to worship God with us as we come to him through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Jessica Buckwalter and Natalie Otto.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. beginning during the hymn before the sermon. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Asahel Church.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Nancy Eakin (greeter), Peter Gobble (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Brad Weaver (sound), Don Wood (vocals), Nick Yingst (piano).

Today's Communion Servers are David Eakin, Joe Kearns, Michael Kitchens.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

"Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,

and you are exalted as head above all.

¹² Both riches and honor come from you,

and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might,

and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

¹³ And now we thank you, our God,

and praise your glorious name.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise: We Praise You O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Roman 4:18-5:1

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

¹⁸ In hope [Abraham] believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³ But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gloria Patri

**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

James 2:10-13

In God's Standard this month we are considering the 7th Commandment: "you shall not commit adultery," and related texts reminding us of our God's desire for us to be a holy people.

[W]hoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not murder.' If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Confession of Sin

In Unison

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 1:7

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 10 - August 16, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor, Richard Zmuda
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Belide, of Indonesia
Population: 8,200; Language: Musi; Religion: Islam
"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Ken K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Children's Ministry Leaders
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Rick & Clare Hivner (Frontier Ventures, CA)

The Lord's Prayer:

We will close our prayer with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

During the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the front in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation:

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

The first system of the musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a melody with three triplet markings. The piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes.

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

The second system continues the musical score. The voice part concludes with a final triplet and a fermata. The piano accompaniment also features triplet markings and concludes with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834–1925

EBENEZER (or TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
 Thomas John Williams, 1890

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture**

John 16:25-33

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.' ²⁹ His disciples said, 'Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.' ³¹ Jesus answered them, 'Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

United to Christ (9): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon: ***“That in Me You May Have Peace”***

Today's Text: John 16:23-33

Pastor David Kertland

1. To _____ direct access to _____

2. To give reason for _____ in _____

Prayer of Application

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. “...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning (see below)

Prayer

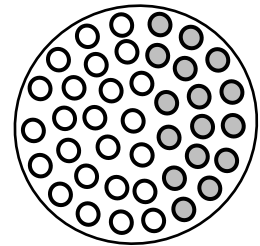
Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.



white circles = grape juice in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

Prayer

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service: Before the Throne of God Above**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less right - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

Please turn the page →

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.

Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴ *The LORD bless you and keep you;*

²⁵ *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

²⁶ *the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Amen.

*Postlude:

To our guests this morning: We are glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain. Accessed on 07/31/2025.
- 2) **Music:** "We Praise You O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (97) and "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (535) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Before the Throne of God Above" (277) is reprinted from *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Page 6: Confession from <https://thirdmill.org/files/english/html/worship/pray.confess.html>. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **The "Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).
- 5) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), William Still, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text, along with any errors that follow from them, are my own.

Join us *this afternoon* for our



Building & Facility Dedication Service!

4:00 PM *Today*

We are so thankful for the Lord's kind provision
of our new worship and ministry site.

This afternoon we will gather to close the Lord's Day
together to dedicate our new facilities to the Lord...
...and to his worship and service.

We have invited many from the community
to join us at this special time for our congregation.

Consider asking a friend to come along!

Pastor David Garner of Westminster Theological Seminary,
Philadelphia, will bring the message to remind
us of the church's forward-looking mission.

A nursery will be provided.

A cookie reception to follow.



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