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This Month's Front Cover

El Anatsui, *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Wall hanging; Aluminum and copper wire, 345 x 460 cm. Photo: *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Photo courtesy, Alex Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Hong Kong.

<https://elanatsui.art/artworks/el-anatsui-a-desire-to-get-away-2022>

"Celebrated for his innovative use of materials, El Anatsui is among the most influential artists working today. The themes central to his work include waste, consumption, and recycling. At Art Basel Hong Kong, we captured the installation of *A Desire to Get Away* (2024). This installation, hanging like a three-dimensional tapestry, is crafted from aluminum bottle caps and ... bottle labels, all intricately joined with copper wire. The process and form of his works hark back to his childhood, when he watched his father, a master weaver of Kente cloth, tie fish nets. Each time one of his hanging sculptures is displayed, it is installed with unique folds and shapes. This idea of presenting the work a little differently each time, is an integral part of El Anatsui's philosophy. He once told Art Basel, 'If art is about life, then life is not a fixed thing. The artwork should be in a form that is capable of changing.'"

<https://www.artbasel.com/news/art-basel-hong-kong-el-anatsui>



Welcome to Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!

If you have come today by invitation from a friend, welcome! We are so glad that you are here today!

Today's service follows our ordinary pattern of worship. We will read from the Bible, sing songs, and pray. The pastor will provide a deeper look into one passage from the Bible that is meant to teach us about God and his ways.

After that, our congregation participates in what we call "The Lord's Supper" before closing in song and prayer. If you are unfamiliar with the Lord's Supper, you can read more about it on page 10. Feel free to ask questions of someone nearby if you get confused about where we are in the service, or if you have any questions about the church. Afterward, we will have light refreshments at the back and a small gift for you. Feel free to stay and chat for a while.



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 Paul Hepperle and Nancy Eakin.

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: Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gible (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathaneal Marengo (vocals), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), Brad Weaver (sound), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Ushers are Keith Dolon, Michael Kitchens and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Keith Dolon and Crystal Basom.

Today's Musical Guests: The Messiah Horn Studio under the direction of Dr. Michael Harcrow. Members include: Annie Rizzo, Oliver Paris, Nate Winton, and Mimi Weller.

Prelude:

"Simple Gifts"

"Dare to be a Daniel"

"Here is Love"

Shaker melody, arr. Mike Harcrow

Philip Bliss, arr. Mike Harcrow

William Rees, arr. Mike Harcrow

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

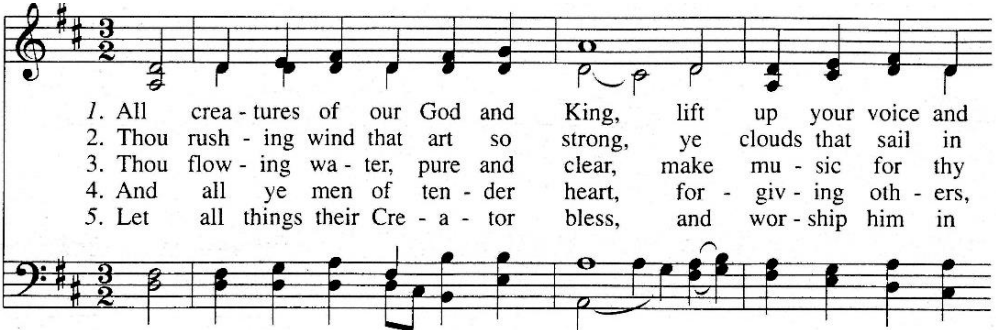
Psalm 145:9-10

⁹ *The LORD is good to all,*
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

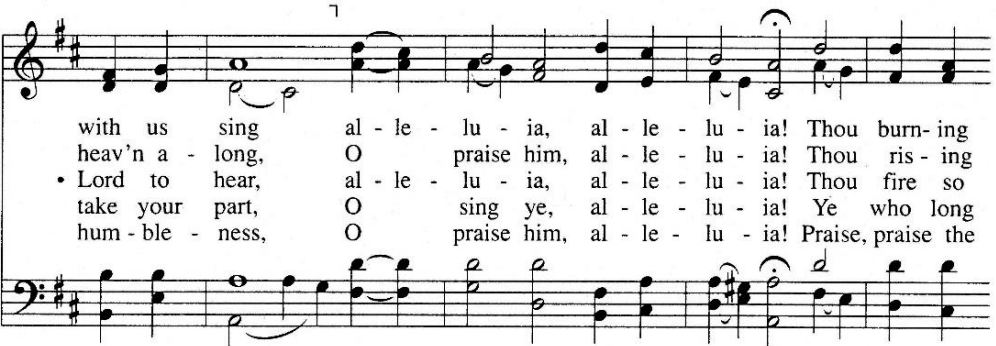
¹⁰ *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*
and all your saints shall bless you!

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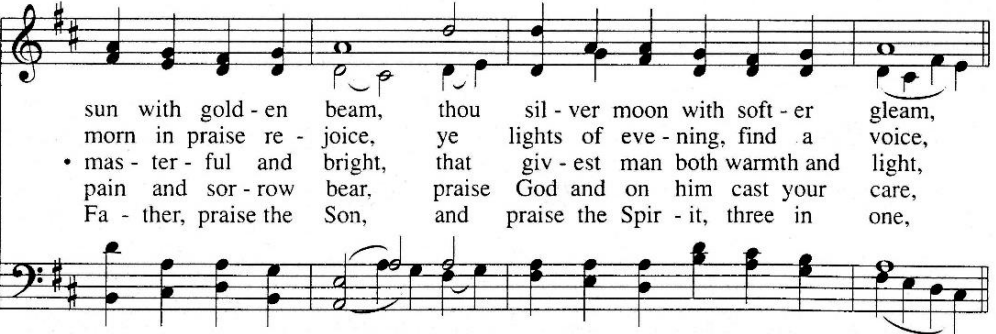
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Response of Praise:*All Creatures of Our God and King**

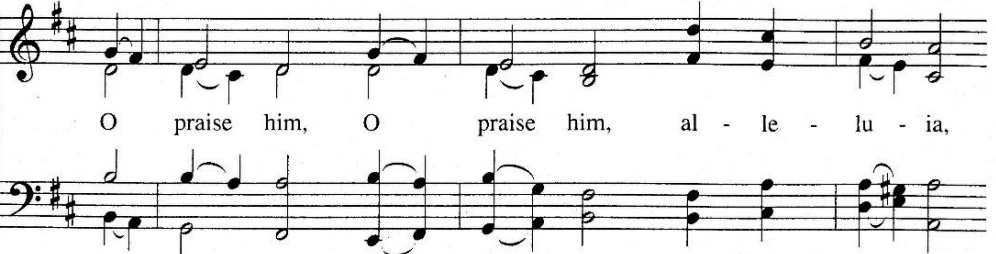
1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
• Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the



sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
• mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,



O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

* "‘Catholic’ here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples."

It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; not as a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

***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

Deuteronomy 5:6, 19

⁶ *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*

¹⁹ *"And you shall not steal."*

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth or outward estate.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:11

"[Y]ou were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 30 – September 6, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner

Civil Government: Derry Township PA State Representative Thomas Mehaffie

- **Unreached People Group:** Ben, of China
Population: 1,400; Language: Wa, Vo; Religion: Ethnic Religions
"...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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Pastor Emeritus Bob Eickelberg
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant College

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:

"Adagio"

Strauss

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: The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Chord symbols: F, C⁷, F, Gm, F, C, F, F

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

Chord symbols: C, G, G⁷, C, F, C⁷, F, C⁷, F

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 • will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

Chord symbols: Gm⁷, C, C⁷, F, F, Gm, F, C, F

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 • and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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**

Ephesians 2:17-22

"And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

"Welcome Home"

Today's Text: Ephesians 2:17-22

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ announced to all
2. From strangers to _____
3. Becoming _____ together

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

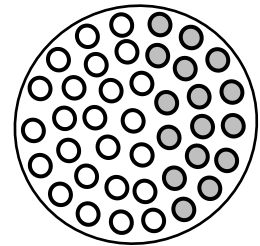
Words of Institution:

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.

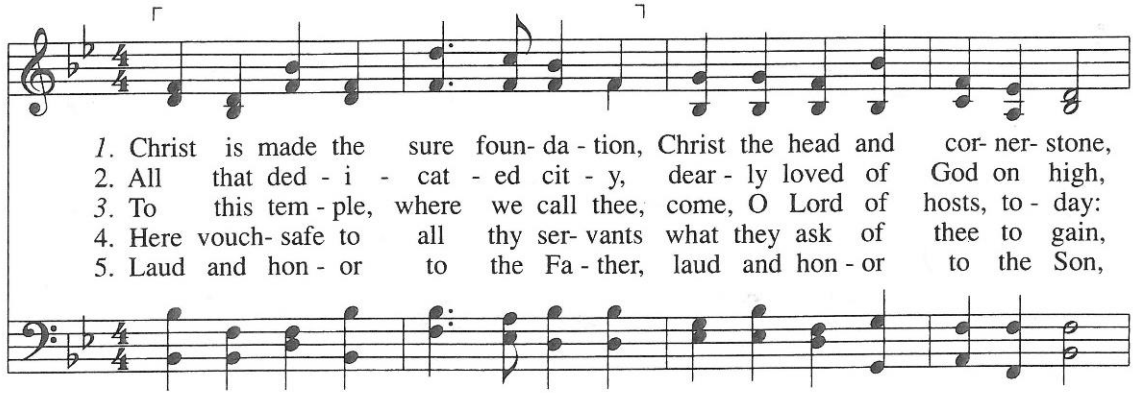
If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, 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."

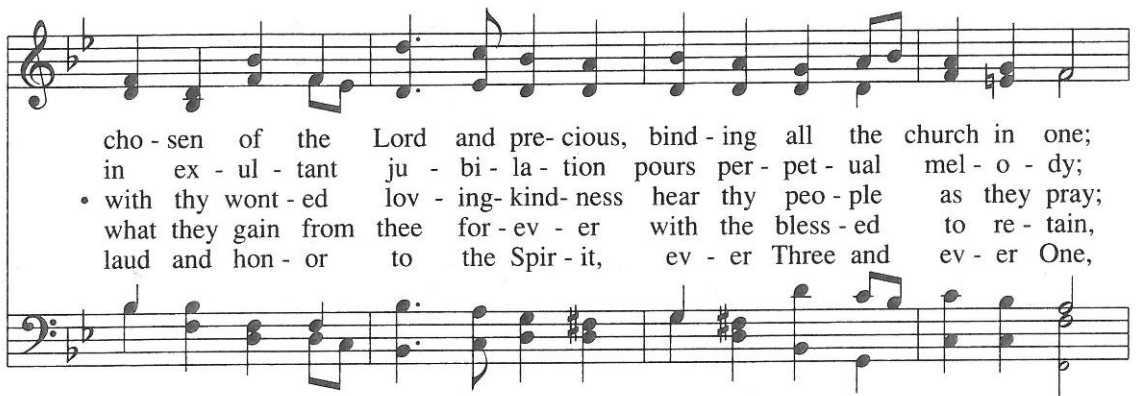
Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

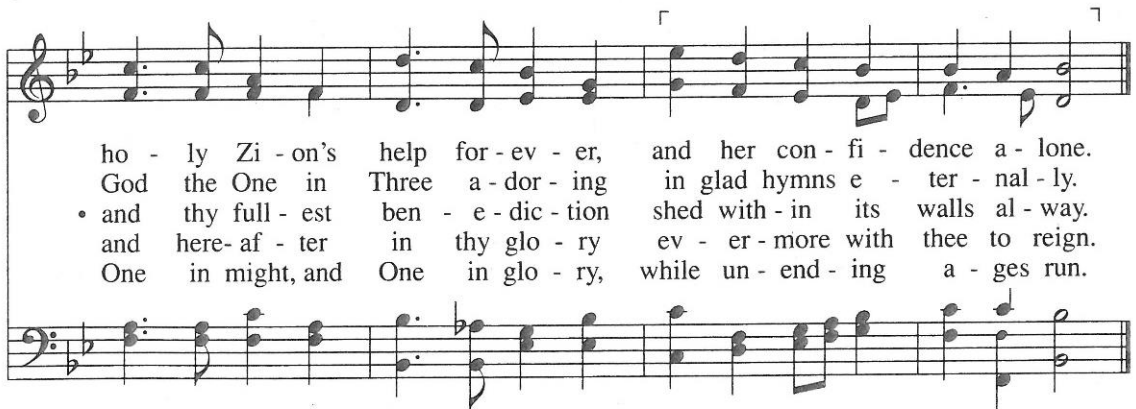
***Song of God's Grace: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
• with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
• and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

2 Thessalonians 3:16

*“Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.”
Amen.*

*Postlude:

“Send the Light”

C.H. Gabriel, arr. Mike Harcrow

Join us for light refreshments in the narthex after the service.

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:** El Anatsui, *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Wall hanging; Aluminum and copper wire, 345 x 460 cm. Photo: *A Desire To Get Away*, 2024, Photo courtesy, Alex Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Hong Kong. Downloaded from : <https://elanatsui.art/> (9/5/2025).
- 2) **Music:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” (115), “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (87), and “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (342), are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
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- 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).



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