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Today's Front Cover

American Winter Scenes: Morning by Frances Flora Bond Palmer (American, b. England, 1812-1877), hand-colored lithograph on wove paper, image: 16 5/16 in. x 24 in.); sheet: 21 1/4 in. x 27 15/16 in.). Publisher: Nathaniel Currier (American, 1813-1888).

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<https://www.nga.gov/artworks/66572-american-winter-scenes-morning>

About Currier and Ives Prints:

Currier and Ives prints were popular 19th-century lithographs produced by the New York firm Currier & Ives, known for making art affordable to the American public. They depicted a wide range of subjects—everyday life, historical events, landscapes, and seasonal scenes—often idealized and richly detailed. Today, these prints are valued as important visual records of American culture and taste during that era.

About the Artist:

Frances Flora Bond Palmer (July 24, 1812 – August 20, 1876): “‘Fanny’ Palmer is best known for her illustrations of American life for Currier and Ives. Born in England, she was educated in London. In the early 1840s, she and her husband immigrated to the United States, settling in New York City.

Palmer had studied art and soon found work as an illustrator specializing in lithography. By 1849 she was working for Nathaniel Currier. During the 1850s, she produced a number of folios illustrating the American landscape and rural life. When James M. Ives joined Currier's firm in 1857, she collaborated with him on a number of views. During the 1860s Palmer specialized in still life images.

While working for Currier and Ives, Palmer produced more than two hundred lithographs, making the initial designs and drawings on the lithographic stones. Frequently reproduced, her images were popular with the American public. In addition to folios, her compositions were used as images for calendars, greeting cards, and advertisements.

<https://ngabiographies.org/biographies/francesflorabondpalmer>



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 Paige Eickelberg 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 Eve Dolon.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (leading worship & violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho, Thaddaeus Church (viola), Nora Dolon (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Dave Eakin, Michael Kitchens, and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Brad Weaver and Kentaro Minagawa.

Throughout the service: the light face type is read by the leader; the **bold face type** is read by the congregation.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Romans 16:25-27

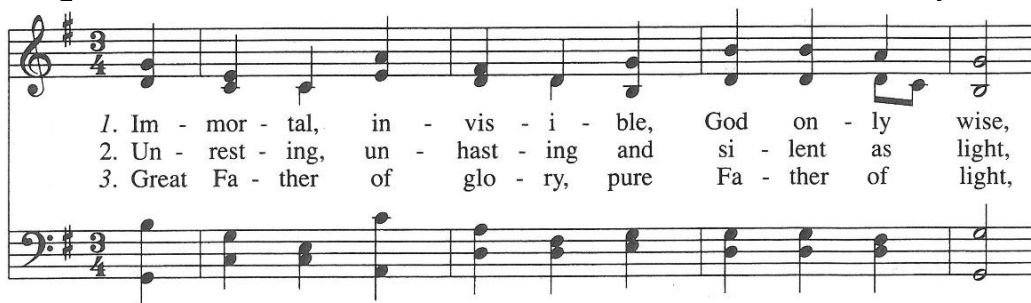
*Now to him who is able to strengthen you
according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ,
**according to the revelation of the mystery
that was kept secret for long ages***

*²⁶ but has now been disclosed
and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations,
according to the command of the eternal God,*

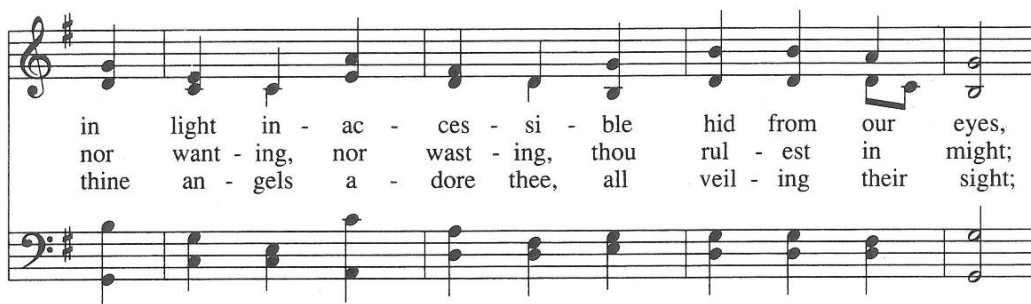
*to bring about the obedience of faith—
²⁷ **to the only wise God be glory forevermore
through Jesus Christ! Amen.***

***Response of Praise:**

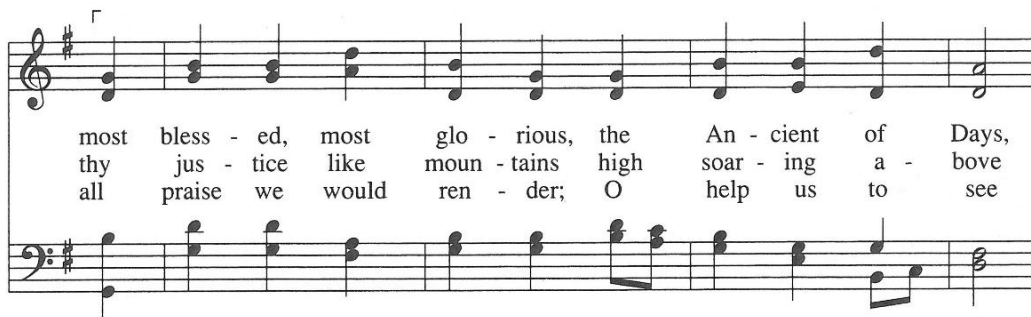
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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; it is not 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 6:4-9

*For the reading of God's Standard this month,
we are reading the 1st commandment and related Scripture passages.*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Lamentations 3:21-23

*This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 15 - 22

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government:** President Donald Trump
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhamptha of India
Population: 44,000; Language: Marathi; Religion: Hinduism
"...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:** Donna K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Assistant Pastor of Covenant Family
Ministries Paul Hepperle
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
PCA Administrative Committee

The Lord's Prayer:

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

**"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 this hymn, 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 in the narthex.

***Song of Preparation:**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the soprano part. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

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**

Revelation 21:1-5 and 2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

2 Peter 3:13

...according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

We Believe: *The Faith We Confess* (Week 11)

A series recognizing the foundational biblical truths we confess in the Nicene Creed.

Sermon: “We look for...the life of the world to come”

Today's Text: Revelation 21:1-5 and 2 Peter 3:13; Pastor David Kertland

1) The _____ to come

2) _____ the world to come

Preparing for the Lord's Supper

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

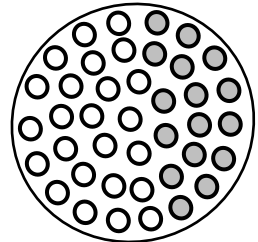
Words of Institution:

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.



Prayer

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

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 Commitment: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e -
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi-son-ous breath can reach that
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for -

wish - ful eye to Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land, where
ter - nal day. There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, and
health-ful shore; there sick-ness, sor - row, pain, and death are
ev - er blest? When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and

my pos - ses - sions lie.
scat - ters night a - way. I am bound, I am bound,
felt and feared no more.
in his bos - om rest?

I am bound for Prom-ised Land. I am bound,

I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land.

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787
 Music: Christopher Miner © 1997 Getty Music Hymns and Songs

STORMY BANKS
 CM with refrain

Being Sent to Serve God

***Benediction:**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
 and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all.
 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 pastors and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. The time following the worship service is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ! We encourage you to look for others you don't know, introduce yourself, and welcome them in the name of Jesus Christ!

Today's Service Information

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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://ngabiographies.org/biographies/francesflorabondpalmer>. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). See references on individual pages. 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).

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.



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