



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 1, 2026

This Month's Front Cover Artwork

The mosaic on the front cover appeared on the cover of the worship booklet of our very first Core Group Meeting when we began as a worship site on Sunday, January 11, 2015. We return to it this month in remembrance of the Lord's faithful provision for our congregation throughout the years.

The description used in our first booklet reminds us of our church's mission:

*"The mosaic is from a 5th Century (400 AD) floor mosaic in *The Church of the Multiplication* in Tabgha, Israel (on the NW shore of the Sea of Galilee). The church was built to commemorate the time when Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fish to feed a large crowd (Mark 6:30-44). May the same Lord Jesus multiply our gifts and talents to give spiritual food (the gospel and the Word of God) to many in the Hershey area and throughout the world from this place"*

*And taking the five loaves and the two fish
he [Jesus] looked up to heaven
and said a blessing
and broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples
to set before the people.*

*And he divided the two fish among them all.
And they all ate and were satisfied.*

Mark 6:41-42



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 Nancy Eakin and Paul Hepperle.

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 Laura 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), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gible (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Greg Moore (leading worship), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Ephraim Church, Joe Kearns, and Michael Kitchens.

Counters are Jess Buckwalter and Conner Waybright.

Throughout today's service: the light face type is read by the leader; the **bold face type** is to be read or sung by the congregation.

Prelude: Messiah Brass Ensemble directed by Dr. Mike Harcrow

Student players are Oliver Paris, Mimi Weller, and Nate Winton.

All Creatures of Our God and King—trad. German

Have Thine Own Way, Lord—George Stebbins

For the Beauty of the Earth—Conrad Kocher

Rock of Ages—Augustus Toplady

Arranged for brass ensemble by M. Harcrow

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

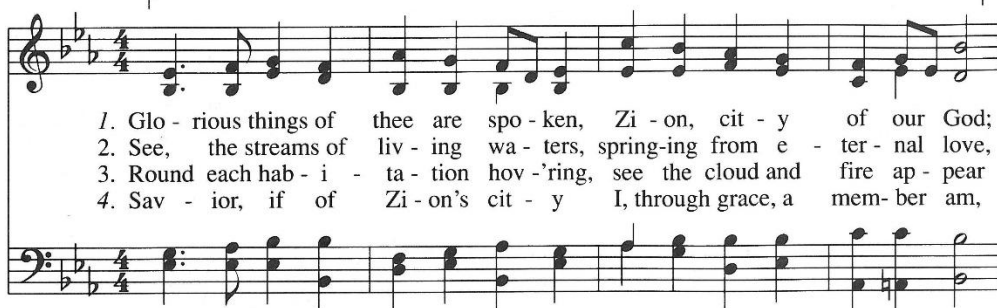
Isaiah 2:2-3

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

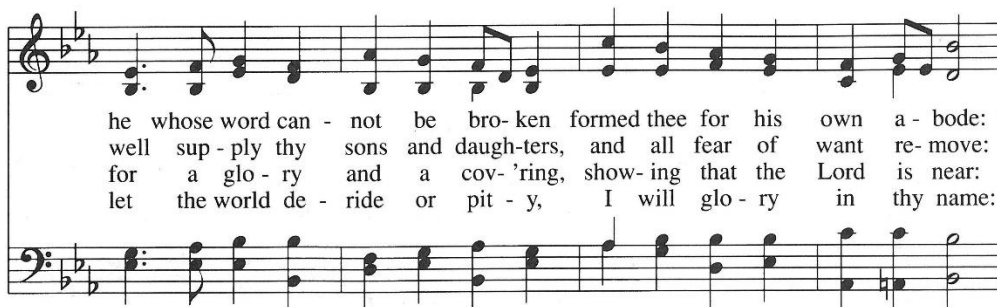
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

***Response of Praise:**

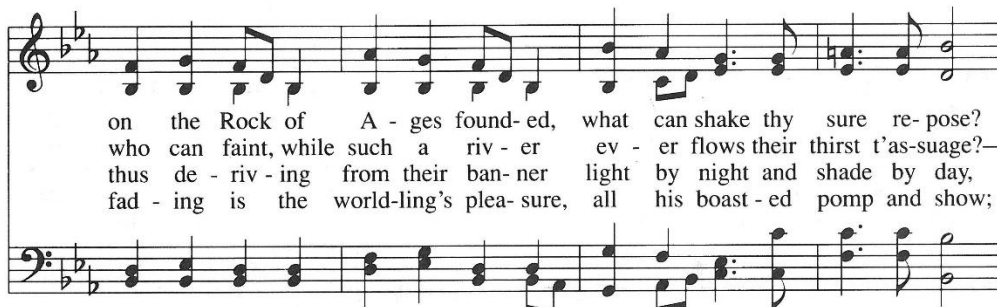
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



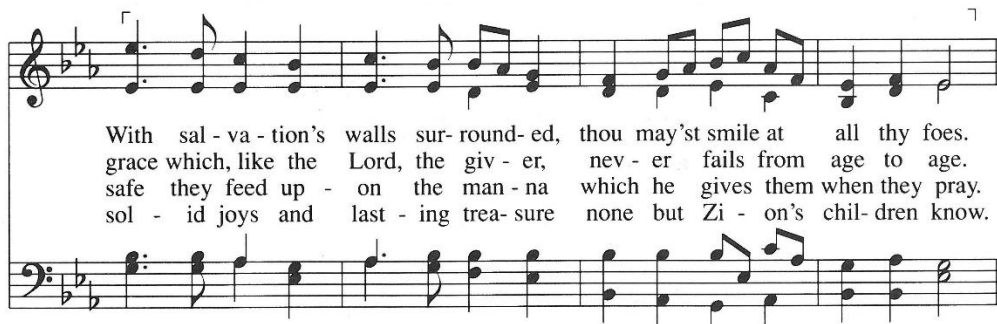
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

John Newton, 1779

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

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; it is not a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

***Doxology**

Music: Anita Wood

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

Flowing mm 100

Praise

5

God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him all crea - tures here be- low. Praise

10

Him a - bove ye Hea-ven-ly host. Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly

14

Ghost. A - - - men!

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:1-2, 4-6

This month, we are reading the 2nd commandment and related Scripture passages.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

...

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Confession of Sin

In Unison

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 2:9-10

"[Y]ou are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 1 - 8

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Director of Parks & Recreation
Amy Walker
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhandari of India
Population: 629,000; Language: Odia; 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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Ridge Haven (PCA Camp, Conference & Retreat Center)

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: Trio No. 7, Andantino Cantabile – Jean Desire Artot (1803-1887)

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:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark- ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B $\flat$ (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B $\flat$ (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C 7 (A 7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SOLID ROCK L.M. ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Edward Mote, 1834

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 18:12-27

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The Christ, the Son of God (2): *The Gospel of John* chapters 18-21

Sermon: **“Through Christ Alone”**

Today’s Text: John 18:12-27; Pastor David Kertland

1) __D_____

2) __D_____

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

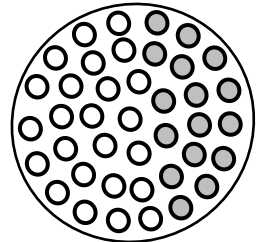
Words of Institution:

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: God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

Unison

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

Harmony

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -
 'neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na
 when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put his lov - ing
 keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning

Unison

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

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RANDOLPH Irreg.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

Jude 1:1-2

*“To those who are called,
beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”
Amen.*

***Postlude:** Wonderful Words of Life – Philip Bliss, arr. M. Harcrow
(with Anita Woods and Grace Salyards)

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

- 1) **Artwork:** Use of front cover mosaic image licensed from www.shutterstock.com (pic-13767766).
- 2) **Music:** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (345), “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (521, and “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (385) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: Mosaic information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Multiplication. Some of the quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **On the Sermon:** 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 John Calvin, D. A. Carson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Leon Morris, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen’s Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), 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.
- 5) **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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