



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Constant Troyon (French, 1810-1865), *Sheep and Shepherd*, 1850s. Oil on panel, 34.30 cm. x 26.00 cm. (13.5 in. x 10.24 in.). National Galleries of Scotland, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Modern One) (In Storage), Edinburgh, UK. Bequest of Dr. John Kirkhope, 1920. Accession number: NG 1466. In the public domain.

While training to become a ceramic painter in his native Sèvres, Troyon spent his spare time studying landscape painting. He particularly admired the seventeenth-century Dutch landscape painter Jacob van Ruisdael. In the early 1830s, Troyon formed friendships with artists Théodore Rousseau and Jules Dupré, who proved to be very influential. Throughout the 1840s they worked together at Barbizon in the forest of Fontainebleau, aiming for greater naturalism in their painting. In 1847, Troyon visited Holland, where he was struck by the animal paintings of Paulus Potter and Aelbert Cuyp. This visit marked a shift in his work, and thereafter animals became his central interest. Troyon became one of Europe's most prominent artists, and his late paintings of the Normandy coast influenced the Impressionists.

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/artists/constant-troyon>

As we enter Passion Week, we remember that the King who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey (see Matthew 21) was entering to offer his own life as *"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29)



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 aged infant through 3 years old is provided on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Nancy Eakin and Grace Salyards.

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 Bonnie Kertland.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Ruth Adams (greeter), Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gobble (viola), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Greg Moore (leading worship), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Kentaro Minagawa, Brad Weaver, and Nick Yingst.

Counters are Jessica Buckwalter and Nora Dolon.

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

Praising God

***Call to Worship: Zechariah 9:9 & Psalm 188:25-26a**

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!"

***Response of Praise:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent;
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who

walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like

a tree planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

***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

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Romans 5:1-2

Though the nations rage and hearts rebel, God has established his Son as King and Savior. All who turn to him find mercy. In Christ, you are no longer enemies but reconciled children. In him, you are forgiven.

[S]ince we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 22-29

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Life Lion Emergency Medical Services
And Critical Care
- **Civil Government:** Derry Township PA State Representative
Thomas Mehaffie
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhanumati of India
Population: 7,300; Language: Hindi; 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:** Sunday School and Junior Church
Teachers
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Craig & Ree Coulbourne
(MTW, Japan)

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:**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty as
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, in
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty the
 4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, the

all the crowds 'Ho - san - na!' cry: through wav - ing bran - ches
 low - ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umph
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fier - cest foe de - fy: the Fa - ther on his

slow - ly ride, O Sa - viour, to be cru - ci - fied.
 now be - gin with cap - tured death, and con - quered sin!
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty,
 in low-ly pomp ride on to die:
 bow your meek head to mor-tal pain,
 then take, O God, your power and reign!

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 19:30-42

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: “When Success Looked Like Failure”

Today’s Text: John 19:30-42; Pastor David Kertland

1) The Blessed Man _____ . (verses 30-37)

2) The Blessed Man _____ . (verses 38-42)

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper:

“ _____ are all who take refuge in him.” (Psalm 2:12)

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

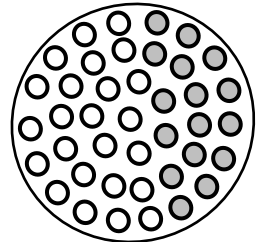
Words of Institution:

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:

Lift High the Cross

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

D.C.

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 • as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
 be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

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

- 1) **Artwork:** Constant Troyon (French, 1810-1865), *Sheep and Shepherd*, 1850s. Oil on panel, 34.30 cm. x 26.00 cm. (13.5 in. x 10.24 in.). National Galleries of Scotland, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Modern One) (In Storage), Edinburgh, UK. Bequest of Dr. John Kirkhope, 1920. Accession number: NG 1466. www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/artists/constant-troyon. Accessed 03/25/2026. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (235), "Lift High the Cross" (263), are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" is reprinted from *Jubilate Hymns*, the Jubilate Group. 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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