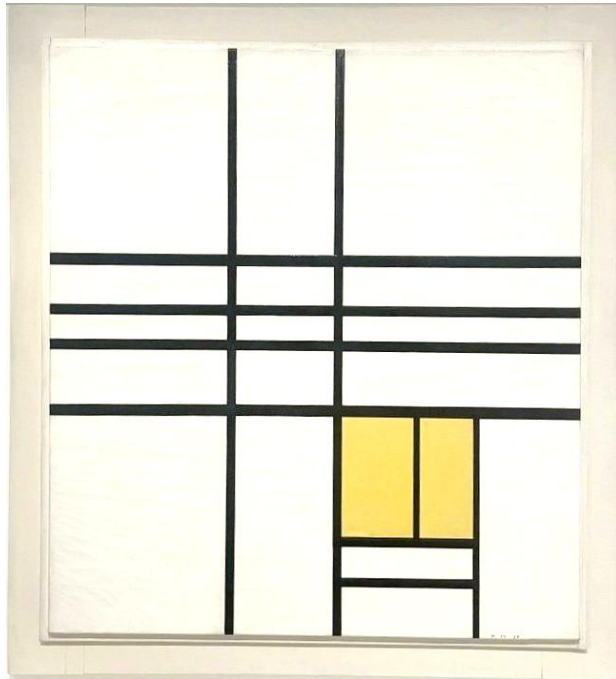




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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Piet Mondrian, Dutch, 1872-1944, *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland.

About the artist: "Mondrian grew up in a devout Dutch Calvinist home and learned to draw at an early age by making devotional lithographs with his father. When he entered the Academy of Fine Art in Amsterdam in 1892, he went to live (until 1895)...in the home of Johan Adam Wormser, the publisher and close friend of...Abraham Kuyper. ...Around 1900 Mondrian experienced some sort of deep crisis of faith. He gradually withdrew from the Reformed community and turned to more esoteric forms of spirituality. [A]rt historians have tended to frame [his later theosophical beliefs] solely within a narrative of rupture from his Calvinist upbringing. These accounts often downplay (or wholly ignore) the extent to which Mondrian's painting and writing also demonstrate significant continuities with his Reformed roots." From Jonathan A. Anderson and William A. Dyrness, *Modern Art and the Life of a Culture: The Religious Impulses of Modernism* (IVP Academic, 2016, 174-185) See also Joseph Masheck's "A Christian Mondrian" in *Bavinck Review* 6 (2015): 37-72 for an interesting argument that Mondrian's Reformed background deserves more attention and explores parallels between Mondrian's mature paintings and Herman Bavinck's Reformed theology.

Early pieces by Mondrian:



Thy Word is the Truth, 1894



Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight, c.1903

"Piet Mondrian's 1894 painting *Thy Word Is the Truth* (originally titled *Uw woord is de waarheid*) is an early **vanitas** work that reflects his **Calvinist** upbringing. [T]he piece depicts traditional symbols of mortality, including a **scythe**, **hourglass**, and **crown**, and bears the inscription 'Thy Word Is Truth.' This early work establishes the spiritual and philosophical dialogue between the earthly and the divine that would define Mondrian's later evolution into **abstract art** and the **De Stijl** movement. As he progressed, Mondrian moved away from literal religious iconography to seek a universal truth through **pure plastic art**, using primary colors and straight lines to express spiritual harmony rather than specific religious narratives.

Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight (signed by artist), c. 1903: This landscape clearly reveals how indebted Mondrian was to the Hague School as a young artist."



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 Rachel Gimbar and Abby Stefanow.

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 Paul Hepperle.

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), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), David Eakin (vocals), Paige Eickelberg (greeter), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Chris Wagner, and Brad Weaver.

Counters are Brad Weaver 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

Greeting of Peace:

2 Peter 1:1-2

*To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours
by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

*² May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 136:1, 26

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Learn about our worship service:

Why do we have a “Call to Worship”?

“God Speaks First: One of the hallmarks of Reformed worship is the conviction that God always initiates and speaks first. Just as God spoke creation into being, spoke His covenant promises to Abraham, and spoke His law at Sinai, so too He speaks to His church today. Our worship is always a response to divine initiative.

The call to worship reflects this principle. Before we sing God’s praises, pray, confess our sins, hear God’s Word, or commune at the Lord’s Supper, God summons us. This protects worship from becoming self-focused or entertainment. It reminds us that the church gathers to listen and respond to God’s voice. This is why the call to worship is appropriately read directly from Scripture rather than something composed by the pastor. God, through His Word, summons, declaring with authority: ‘Come before Me, My people, and offer acceptable worship with reverence, awe, and joy.’”

Excerpt from “What is the Call to Worship” by Brian Cosby, 2025.

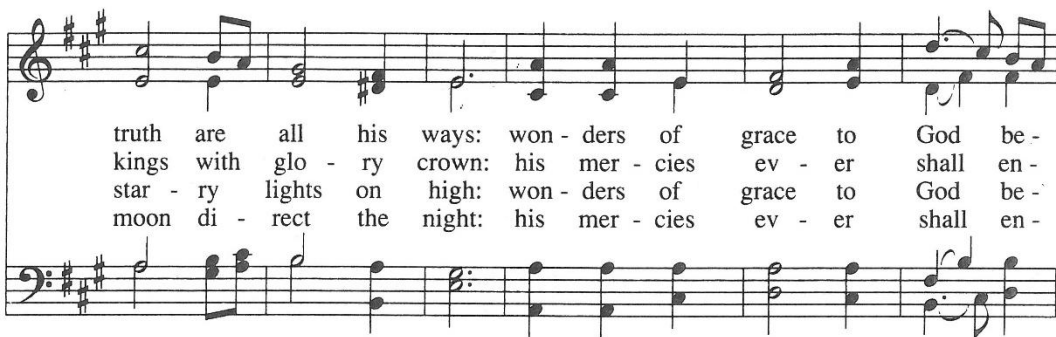
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*Response of Praise:

Give to Our God Immortal Praise



1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; mer - cy and
 2. Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of
 3. He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the
 4. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; he bids the



truth are all his ways: won - ders of grace to God be -
 kings with glo - ry crown: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -
 star - ry lights on high: won - ders of grace to God be -
 moon di - rect the night: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -



long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when lords and kings are known no more.
 long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

5. He sent his Son with pow'r to save
 from guilt and darkness and the grave:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

6. Through this vain world he guides our feet,
 and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
 his mercies ever shall endure,
 when this vain world shall be no more.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

Today we announce what John tells us about Jesus in the first chapter of his Gospel.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

... ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Colossians 3:8-10

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 9th commandment and related Scripture passages.

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 1:19-22

[I]n him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...."

Choral Response Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness. Ps. 5:8

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-teous-ness, make thy way
 2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru - ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
 come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.
 glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
 St. 2, George F. Strickling
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LEAD ME, LORD 10.8.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 11 - 18

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Bruno Bellucci
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhulia of India
Population: 152,000; 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:** Pat C.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Small Group Leaders and Hosts
- **Supported Missionary:** 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:

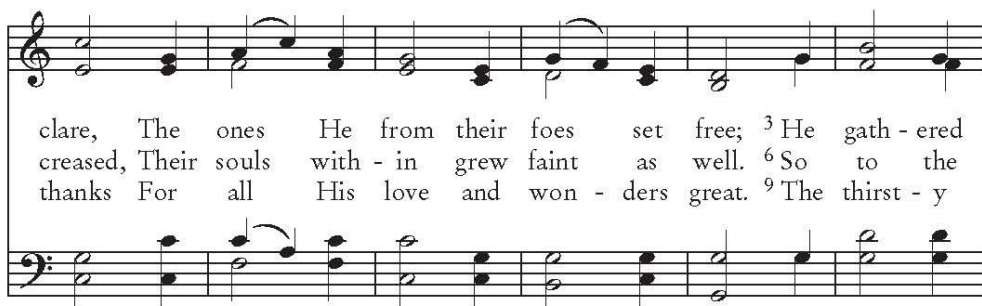
O Thank the Lord (Psalm 107:1-9)



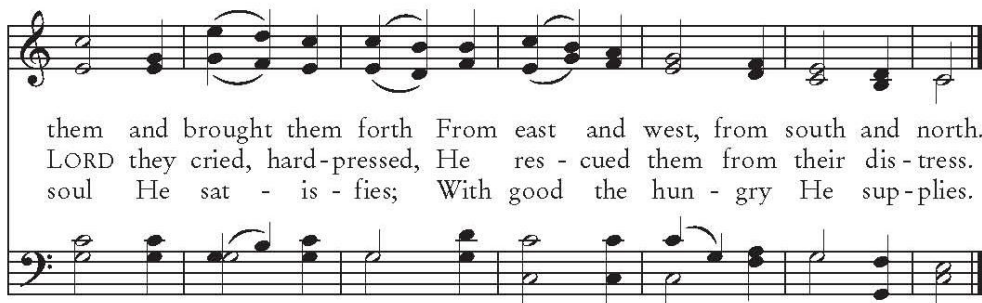
1. ¹ O thank the LORD for He is good, His love en -
2. ⁴ They wan - dered through the wil - der - ness, No cit - y
3. ⁷ Then to a cit - y forth they went; He led them



dures e - ter - nal - ly! ² So let the LORD's re - deemed de -
found in which to dwell. ⁵ Their hun - ger and their thirst in -
on a path - way straight. ⁸ So let them to the LORD give



clare, The ones He from their foes set free; ³ He gath - ered
creased, Their souls with - in grew faint as well. ⁶ So to the
thanks For all His love and won - ders great. ⁹ The thirst - y



them and brought them forth From east and west, from south and north.
LORD they cried, hard-pressed, He res - cued them from their dis - tress.
soul He sat - is - fies; With good the hun - gry He sup - plies.

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**

Ruth 4:6-12

We pick up in our reading in the book of Ruth today as the nearest possible redeemer answers Boaz:

[T]he redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Ruth: Not Without a Redeemer (11)

Sermon: **“Redemption Accomplished”**

Today’s Text: Ruth 4:6-12; Pastor David Kertland

1) Redemption is _____

2) Redemption is _____

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

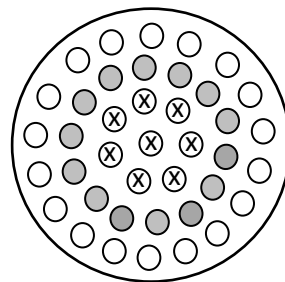
Words of Institution:

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 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 Commitment:

Nothing but the Blood

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN
 O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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Robert Lowry, 1876

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction:

2 Peter 3:17-18

*Take care that you are not carried away
with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.
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:** cover: Piet Mondrian *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland. Page 2: Mondrian: *Thy Word is the Truth*, 1894 (Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=96789065>); *Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight* (<https://www.thehistoryofart.org/piet-mondrian/oostzijdse-mill-along-the-river-gein-by-moonlight/>). In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" (3), "Gloria Patri" (735), "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727), and "Nothing but the Blood" (307) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commissions Publications, Suwannee, GA, 2000). "O Thank the Lord" (107A) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Pittsburgh, PA: Crown and Covenant Publications, 2010.). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Various from chatgpt.com. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **On the Sermon:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Ruth, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, David Atkinson, Christopher Ash, Daniel I. Block, John Calvin, Iain M. Duguid, Sinclair Ferguson, Mary Wilson Hannah, Matthew Henry, Adam J. Howell, Robert Jamieson, C. F. Keil, Peter H. W. Lau and Gregory Goswell, André LaCocque, Leon Morris, Jonathan Prime, and Barry G. Webb. 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).



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