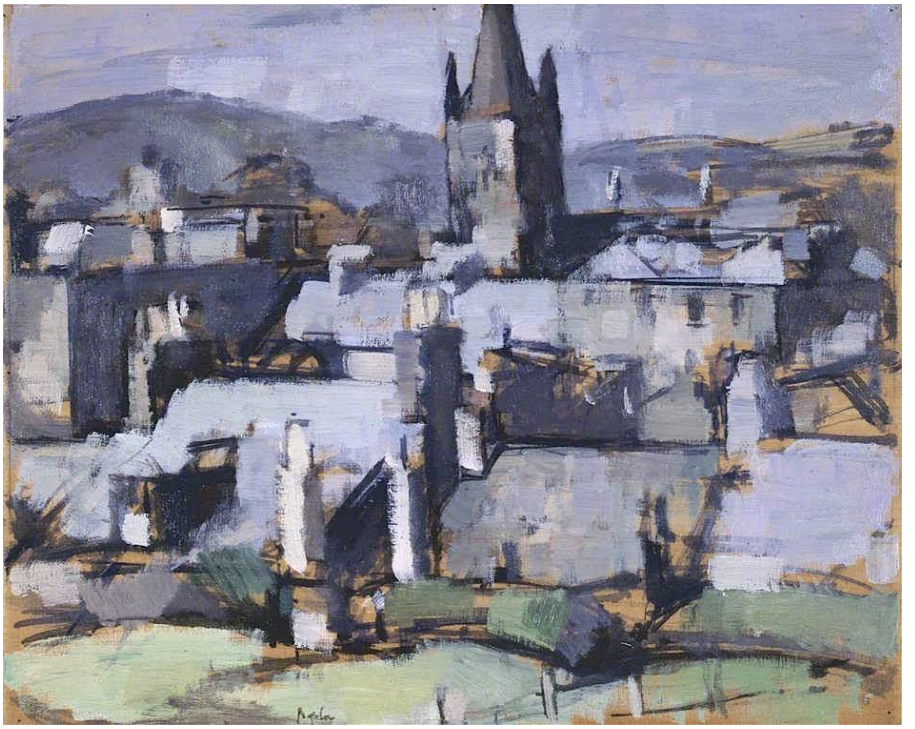


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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Samuel John Peploe (1871-1935), *Kirkcudbright*, 1916. Oil on panel. 34 cm x 41 cm. (13.4 in. x 16.1 in.). Kirkcaldy Museum an Art Gallery, Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. In the public domain.

About the artist: "Peploe is one of a group of four artists known as the 'Scottish Colourists'. Born in Edinburgh, he studied art in Paris and lived there from 1910 to 1912. It was through painting holidays in Northern France that he was introduced to the use of bold color, inspired by the bright sunlight. He later experienced the same intensity of light while painting on the island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland. French painting proved to be a powerful influence for Peploe throughout his life. Although his work never became abstract, it was characterized by tight composition, strong color and assured handling." "For a brief period at the end of his life Peploe taught at Edinburgh College of Art, but his health was deteriorating and he died aged 64 in 1935. In the foreword to his memorial exhibition E. A. Taylor wrote; 'Never have I known a man more true to himself, his home, his friends and his inspiration—all attributes which make memory of him lasting and his art enduring."

www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/artists/samuel-john-peploe and
www.kirkcudbrightgalleries.org.uk/artists-footsteps/artist/samuel-john-peploe/#kirkcudbright-4

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 Grace Salyards and Caity Slate.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4 - Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Building 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: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (sound), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (greeter), David Eakin (vocals), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Mark Tedford (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet).

Today's Ushers are Asahel Church, Dave Eakin, and Michael Kitchens.

Counters are Nancy Flint 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

Welcome

Greeting of Peace: Acts 13:47

Paul announced the Lord's plan for the his salvation to reach far beyond Israel to all nations.

"The Lord has commanded us, saying,
'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

Praising God

*Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

[2] *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[3] *For the LORD is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.

[4] *In his hand are the depths of the earth;*
the heights of the mountains are his also.

[5] *The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands formed the dry land.

[6] *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

[7] *For he is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*Response of Praise: Come, Thou Almighty King

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14



Anon., ca. 1757

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Felice de Giardini, 1769

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We confess our common 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

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 — Luke 12:13-21

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 10th commandment and related Scripture passages.

Someone in the crowd said to him [Jesus], *"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'*

16 And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ — Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Choral Response — Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

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

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Manager Zachary Jackson
- **Civil Government:** PA Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhurtia of India
  Population: 15,000; 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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Sunday School and Junior Church Teachers

Supported Missionary: Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

The Lord's Prayer:

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

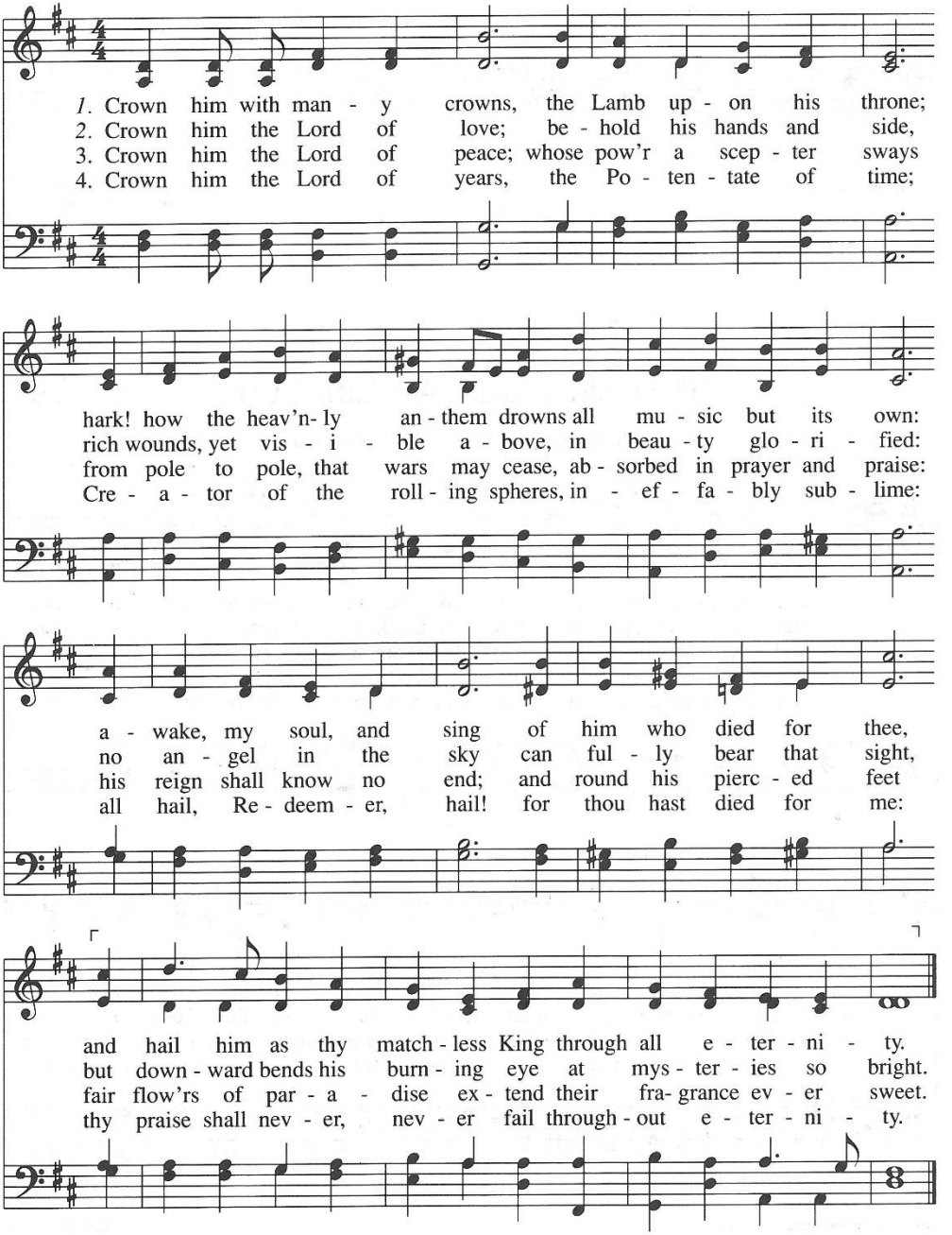
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, 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: Crown Him with Many Crowns



Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

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 **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: "The Throne of Grace"

Today's Text: Hebrews 4:14-16 Pastor Mark Tedford

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)

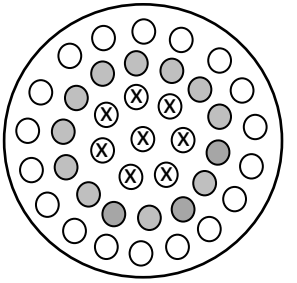
Prayer

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:** **Arise, My Soul, Arise**



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Louis Edson, 1782

Charles Wesley, 1742
Alt. 1961, mod.

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
[25] the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
[26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
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! Join us for a Sandwich Luncheon after the Worship Service

You are invited to a sandwich luncheon in the fellowship hall after the morning worship service today. It provides time for conversation helping you to get to know new and old friends at HPCA. Please make your way to the fellowship hall (lower floor of the education building) for this light lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and desserts.

Today's Service Information

1) **Artwork:** cover: Samuel John Peploe (1871-1935), *Kirkcudbright*, 1916. Oil on panel. 34 cm x 41 cm. (13.4 in. x 16.1 in.). Kirkcaldy Museum an Art Gallery, Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. In the public domain.
2) **Music**: "Come, Thou, Almighty King" (101), "Gloria Patri" (735), "Doxology" (731), "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (295) and "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (305) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commissions Publications, Suwannee, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
3) **Quotes: Page 2:** wwationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/artists/samuel-john-peploe and www.kirkcudbrightgalleries .org.uk/artists-footsteps/artist/samuel-john-peploe/#kirkcudbright-4. 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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