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Front Cover Artwork

Barbara Kearns, *The Bright Morning Star*, 2016. Watercolor on paper, 7.5" x 11.5." From the artist's private collection. Used by permission of the artist.

This year's Advent cover is an original piece of artwork by Hershey PCA member, Barbara Kearns. Barbara studied art at Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia, PA. Barbara has always been interested in drawing and painting since high school. At Moore she pursued a BFA in Painting however, practicality won the day, and in her senior year transferred departments and graduated with a degree in Art Education. After raising four children and homeschooling, she now has more time for art work.

The painting is a reflection on the two biblical "*in the beginnings*" from Genesis 1 and John 1. In both "*beginnings*," it is light that brings life and understanding. (See Genesis 1:1, 3-5, 14-19 and John 1:1-9.)

John 1:4: "*In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*"

Matthew 2:2: "*...we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.*"

Revelation 22:16: "*I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.*"

Barbara notes: "Stars normally mark the end of the day, not the beginning. The Bright Morning Star refers to the planet Venus. Venus is incredibly bright in the pre-dawn light. Venus so perfectly captures the sun's light and is so large and bright that, if you don't know what you are seeing, it can be disconcerting. 'Jesus Christ is the Venus Star, that first light that marks the dawn of the new age' (*the Bible Encyclopedia*)."

We sing of His light in one of our Christmas Carols, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*: "Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace / Hail the Sun of Righteousness / Light and Life to all He brings / Risen with healing in his wings...."

Let this Advent season be a time for you to 'pay attention' to Jesus:

2 Peter 1:19: "*...we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts....*"



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.*

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Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA!

We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A nursery is available today for *infants through age 3*.

A private area for nursing mothers is located behind the beige curtain in the back of the sanctuary.

A Junior Church for young worshippers from *age 4 through 2nd grade* is available during the sermon time, beginning during the Song of Preparation.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our gathered time of worship possible.

This week's announcements and weekly schedule are found on pp. 16-18.

Prelude

Use the prelude time to find a seat and to prepare for joining in with God's people to worship God with joy and gladness. Thanks to Rachel Bosworth for playing piano for us this morning.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles Daniel 7:13-14

The season of Advent, celebrated on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, "is a time to remember the promise of the peace of Christ and to yearn for the full measure of the hope that his coming brings."

Believers in the Old Testament period longed for many years for the coming of the promised deliverer. The Gospel accounts announce that Jesus was the one who had been promised by God from the beginning and that on the cross he has accomplished that deliverance for his people. Today, the church continues to long for his return. During this busy season, take some time to reflect on your certain hope in Christ and your desire for him to come to complete what he has begun!

Candles on the advent wreath are lit each week as one of the Old Testament Scripture passages about Jesus's coming is read. As the candlelight shines throughout the service, let it remind you that there is only one true light in this dark world—Jesus. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12 ESV)

Today's Advent Reader:

Donna Kreiss

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

Praising God

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:9-10

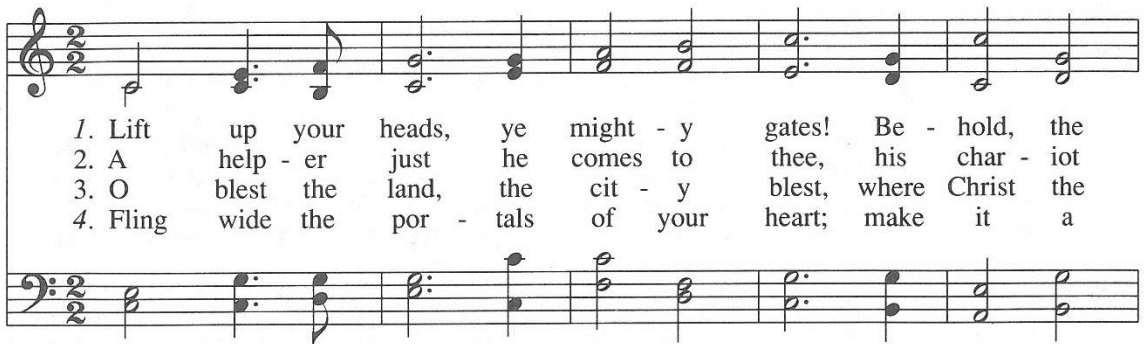
As we turn to Scripture this morning, let these verses remind you to come with a heart prepared, a mind ready, to praise, love, and glorify God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

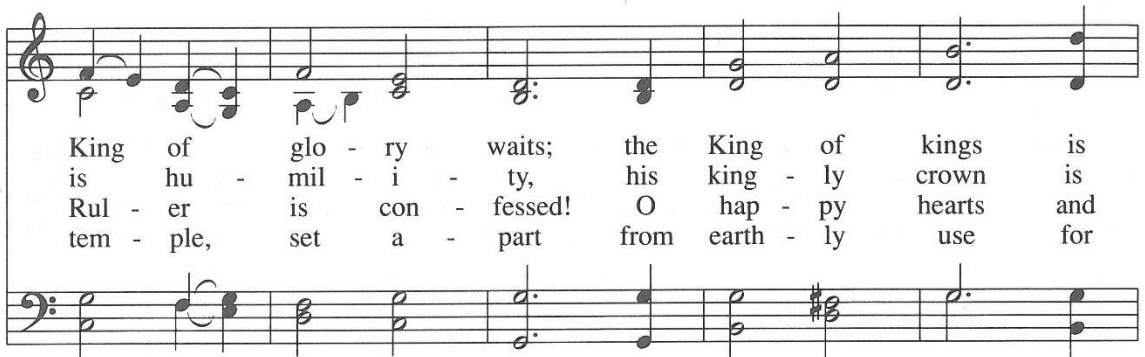
¹⁰ *Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by Group

*Response of Praise: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

TRURO L.M.
Psalmody Evangelica, 1789

Based on Psalm 24
Georg Weiszel, 1642
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855; alt.

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

In our first prayer we respond to our Creator God's call to come and worship him, acknowledging the true God as the Trinitarian God revealed in Scripture, and as our God.

***Confession of Faith:**

The Athanasian Creed

We confess our faith together using the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed is one of the ecumenical creeds received by nearly all branches of the western church. In this first part of the creed, we confess an extended summary of the biblical teaching about the Trinity. The creed is "often called the Athanasian Creed because for centuries people attributed its authorship to Athanasius, the great champion of Trinitarian orthodoxy during the crisis of the heresy of Arianism that erupted in the fourth century."

[W]e worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity,
 neither blending their persons
 nor dividing their essence.

For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
 the person of the Son is another,
 and that of the Holy Spirit still another.
 But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
 their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.
 The Father is uncreated,
 the Son is uncreated,
 the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable,
 the Son is immeasurable,
 the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

The Father is eternal,
the Son is eternal,
the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet there are not three eternal beings;
there is but one eternal being.
So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings;
there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

So likewise, the Father is almighty,
the Son is almighty,
the Holy Spirit is almighty.
Yet there are not three almighty beings;
there is but one almighty being.

Thus the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God.
Yet there are not three gods;
there is but one God.

So likewise, the Father is Lord,
the Son is Lord,
the Holy Spirit is Lord.
Yet there are not three lords;
there is but one Lord.

...

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.
The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the
Father alone.
The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds
from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers;
there is one Son, not three sons;
there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

None in this Trinity is before or after,
none is greater or smaller;
in their entirety the three persons
are coeternal and coequal.

So in everything, as was said earlier,
the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity
is to be worshipped.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

John 6:27-29

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

Confession of Sin

Our confession of sin expresses "both sorrow over the sins we have committed and our revulsion at sin in general." (Hughes Oliphant Old, Leading in Prayer, 78)

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

John 6:35

The Assurance announces that the Scripture promises forgiveness to all those who repent, confessing their sins to God and putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

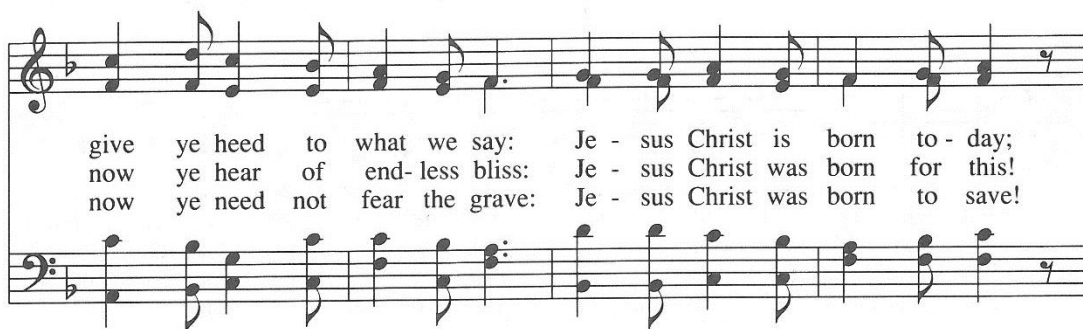
Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Song of Thanksgiving

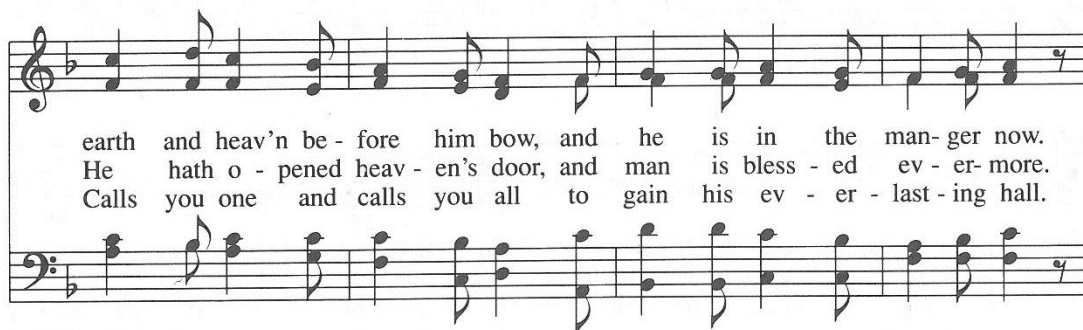
Good Christian Men, Rejoice



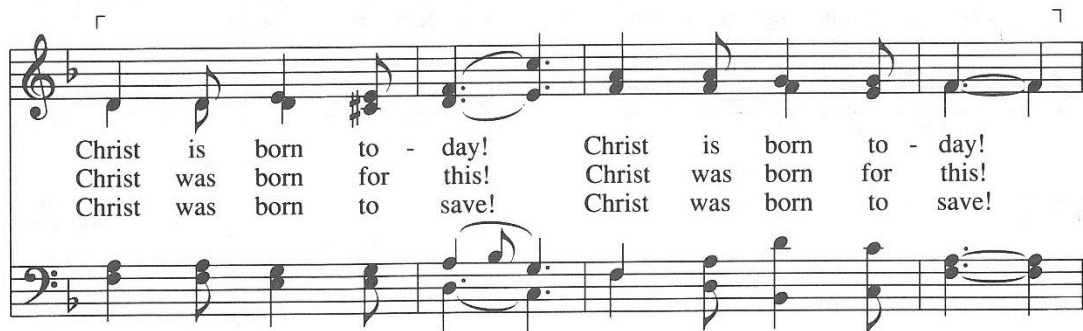
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5.
 German melody, 14th cent.
 Arr. by W. D., 1918

Medieval Latin carol
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.
 Alt. 1961

Offering Our Prayers & Ourselves to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

See page 19 for this week's prayer items.

Our time of intercession will close with 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

Tithes and Offerings are an expression of our worship of God. Through them we demonstrate that him. "...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Offertory

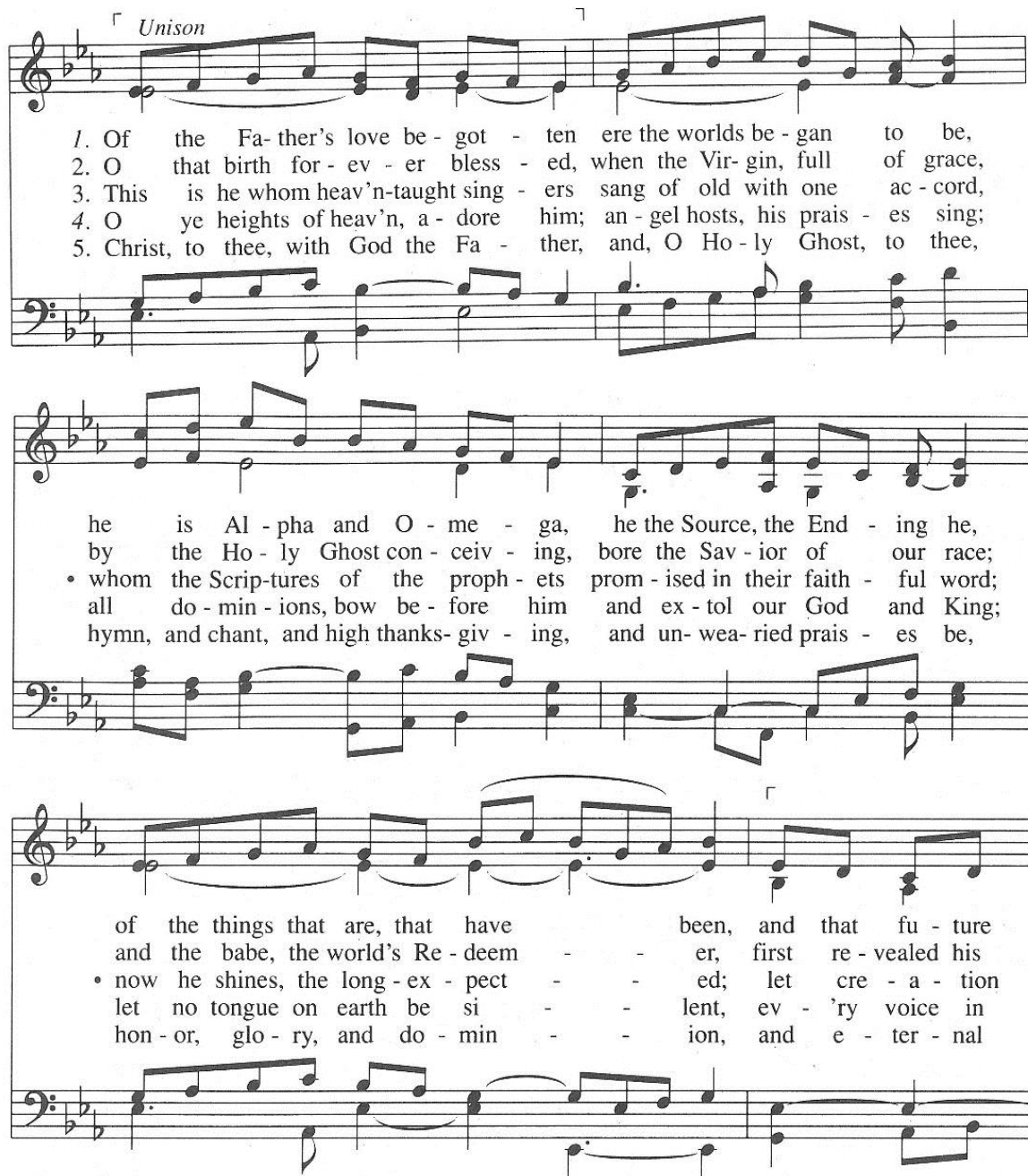
During this song, children from 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to attend Junior Church.

Listening to God's Word

*Song of Preparation:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Unison



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
• whom the Scrip-tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
• now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed; let cre - a - tion
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 • praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854;
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 Plainsong, 12th cent.
 Arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

*Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word. "The Holy Spirit who inspired the authors of these sacred texts must inspire those who read and those who preach and those who listen. Otherwise those texts will fail to move us. Revelation is from beginning to end a work of God's Spirit." (Hughes Oliphant Old, Leading in Prayer, 140)

*Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7

The Scriptures, the Word of God written, informs us of God's revealed will. In it we learn what we are to believe concerning God, and the duty he requires of us (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 3). As it is read, remember what the Lord said through Isaiah: "...this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." (Isa. 66:2)

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and **his name shall be called** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

God's Gift to Us

An Advent Series from Isaiah 9:6

The Third Week of Advent: “Everlasting Father” Pastor David Kertland

*The sermon is a time to consider the Scripture that was read, learning what it means
and how it impacts our lives.*

Sermon Notes:

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

Words of Institution & Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Please wait until all are served before eating.

Our communion bread is gluten-free.

The tray of communion cups provides a choice of grape juice or wine (see diagram).

Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

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 as guests around the Lord's table each week, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to regularly hold out your *empty and faltering* hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He, *your Creator and your Head*, is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. Today, even as the bread and wine pass by, let them urge you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

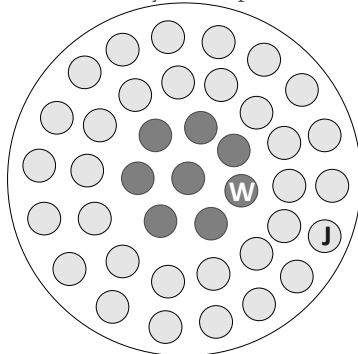
Prayer of Belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you 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 as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion Cup Tray Layout

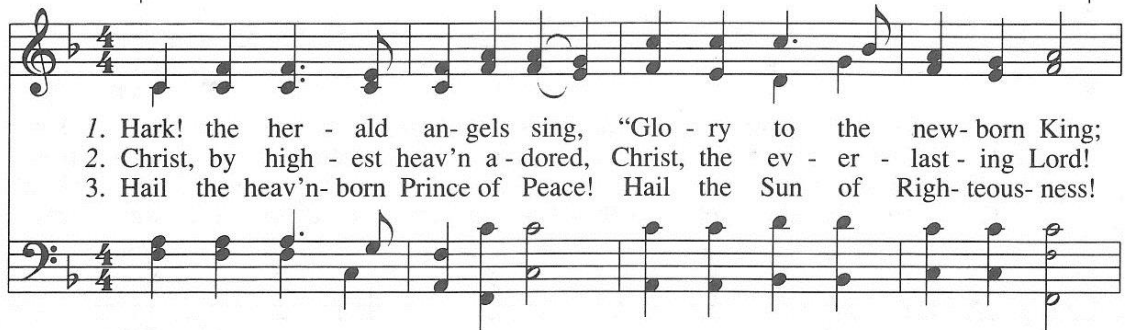
Light Gray = Grape Juice

Dark Gray = Grape Wine

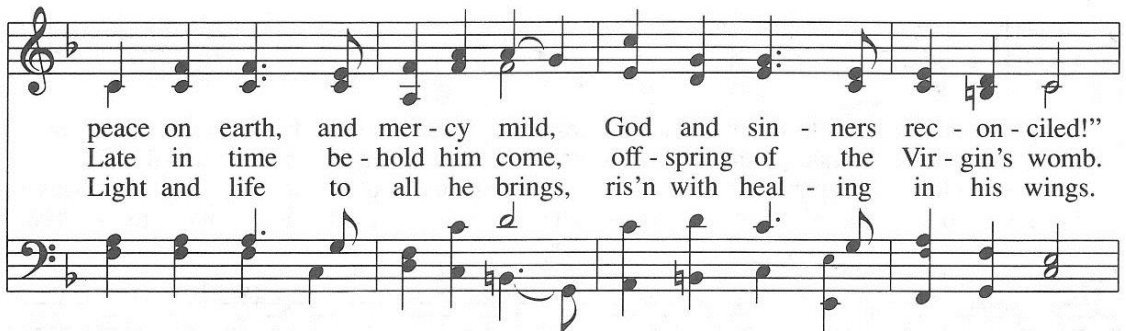


Renewing Our Devotion to God

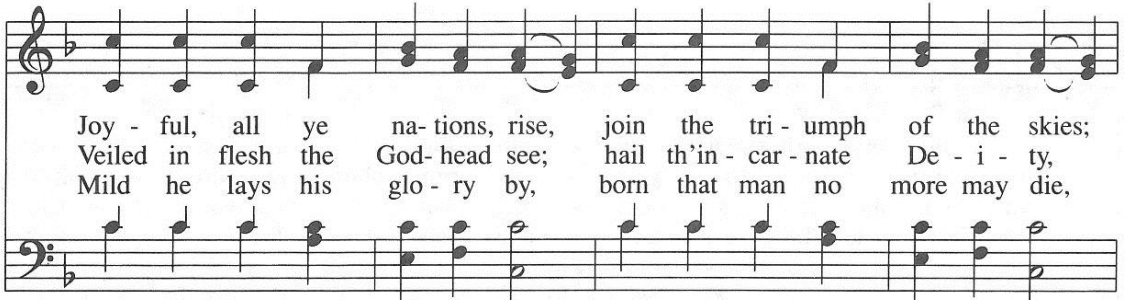
*Song of Dedication & Service: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*



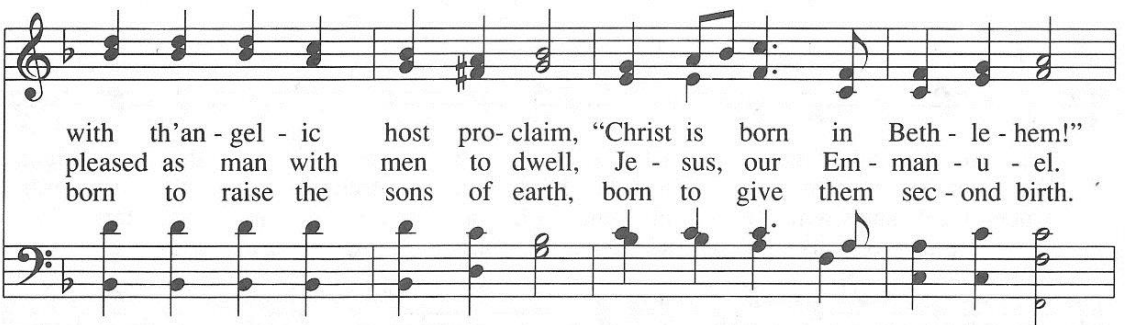
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D.ref.
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Being Sent to Serve God

*Benediction

The benediction is a pronouncement of blessing on God's people in Christ. It is usually a biblical blessing. Let it remind you that if you are in Christ, you can leave with confidence to live this week knowing that the Lord Himself is your Shepherd and that you will lack no needful thing (Psalm 23).

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

from 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Postlude

Use this time to greet someone that you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ. The time after our worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ.

To our guests: We are glad that you have joined us for worship today. We would like to invite you to stay for a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members.

To our members: After a time of fellowship and greeting (half hour), if you are able, please help our tear down team to load up items returning to the school's storage area. We would love your help!

* Congregation standing

Announcements for Week of December 11-18

This Week at Hershey PCA / Trinity PCA*

	Time of Event	Activity	Location
Today	10:00 AM	Hershey PCA Morning Worship Service	Hershey
	10:15 AM	Harrisburg (Trinity PCA) Worship Service	Trinity
	5:30 PM	High School Youth Group	Trinity
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Kearns SGC	Kearns'
	8:00 PM	Girls' Night Out	Houlihan's
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Kids Club and ESL Classes	Trinity
	6:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Trinity
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Kanode's
Thursday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study Brunch	Moore's
	7:00 PM	Combined Session Meeting	Trinity
Friday	6:30 PM	Franklin SGC	Franklin's
	7:00 PM	Moore SGC	Moore's
Saturday	6:30 PM	Facility Set-up and Preparation	Hershey
Next Sunday	10:00 AM	Hershey PCA Morning Worship Service	Hershey
	10:15 AM	Harrisburg (Trinity PCA) Worship Service	Trinity
	3:30 PM	Christmas Caroling and Dessert	Hershey
	5:30 PM	High School Youth Group	Trinity

*Trinity PCA is our other worship site at 6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109. Trinity PCA's full weekly schedule and additional information can be found at www.trinityhbg.com. For questions about our youth groups and children's programs, contact Pastor Mike Wolcott at mwolcott@trinityhbg.com.

**Shepherd Group Communities, our small groups at Hershey PCA & Trinity PCA, that meet each year from September to May. If you are interested in joining a shepherd group community, please see Pastor Kertland.

Evening Prayer this Wednesday

Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM is at the Kanode's home at 1536 Bachmanville Road, Hershey. During our time together, we read a Psalm and pray for our local community, our world, and our congregation. Join us for this important time of seeking the Lord together.

Christmas Caroling & Dessert, December 18 (Next Sunday)

On Sunday, December 18, we are planning an afternoon caroling outreach event followed by a Christmas dessert get together. Those who would like to go caroling will meet at our worship site at 3:30 PM to divide into groups that will carol in local neighborhoods. At 5:30 PM, returning carolers will join those who chose not to carol for a dessert. Please sign up for this event on the back of today's "Welcome to Hershey Presbyterian" insert. Indicate there whether you would like to go caroling and what you plan to bring to the dessert. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service, December 24

A Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols candlelight service will be held here at our meeting facility on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 5:30 PM. This service provides a great opportunity for you to invite friends, neighbors, and family to our church! Invitations to hand out to neighbors, friends, and family are available in the lobby.

Christmas Cookie Blessing Project

We hope to be a blessing to community workers who are working on Christmas Eve by delivering cookies to workplaces around Hershey. There are two ways you can participate in this outreach. You can bake or buy 2-3 dozen cookies to bring to church next Sunday, Dec. 18th. You can also deliver cookies to workers on Christmas Eve, immediately following our Christmas Eve Service. If you are interested in helping in either way, please sign up today on the sheets in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Trumpower or Erin Fletcher.

A New Hershey PCA Office is Coming Soon!

Hershey PCA will soon have our very own office space at our worship site! Work is almost completed on the renovation of the previously unfinished northeast corner of the LMS-HC building. Once it is completed and we get occupancy, we will begin to get it ready for our use! Thank you to LMS-HC for their willingness to rent this space to us so that we might continue to increase our visible presence as part of the Hershey community! Please pray that this new space will provide us many new opportunities to proclaim the gospel to our community and world.

Worship Set-Up Teams

Saturday evenings provide an opportunity to serve our church and to enjoy the extra benefit of fellowship as teams meet at our worship facility to set up the worship area, lobby, nurseries, and junior church area for Sunday morning. We continue to need more help to spread the load among us. Currently we have three teams that rotate Saturday night responsibilities; our goal is to have enough teams so that each serves about once per month. Please think about joining a set up team! To volunteer to help in this important way of ministering to one another, see Josh Franklin or Keith Dolon.

Women's Ministries News

Women's Bible Study: Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at the home of Lauri Moore, 1148 Edgewood Drive, Hummelstown. We are studying the book *The Word of the Lord*, by Nancy Guthrie, which takes a look at how the prophets of the Old Testament reveal Jesus. The study is co-taught by Glenda Trumpower and Bonnie Kertland. This Thursday we will celebrate the season with a Christmas Brunch!

Girls' Night Out – Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 8:00 PM, at Houlihan's in Hershey. Come enjoy a casual get-together to get to know women in the church. We will order individually off the menu.

Meet & Greet, Stay & Play – December 21

Meet & Greet, Stay & Play is a ministry to preschoolers and their parents in Hershey. We meet in the community room at Briarcrest Apartments during the months of colder weather. This is a real opportunity for us to get to know women and their preschoolers who live in Briarcrest, many of whom are new to Hershey (and even to this country) and yearn to meet other moms and children. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Anyone is welcome to come help the children enjoy play time, a craft, and a snack. Please consider participating in this great opportunity to meet people from the Hershey community!

Inclement Weather Closings: AlertFIRST

Get Ready for Winter Weather & Other Schedule Changes

Sign up to receive emails, texts, and/or phone calls if we have to adjust Hershey PCA's regular schedules because of weather and other emergencies. To enroll, fill out the "AlertFIRST - Hershey PCA Emergency Notification System" form in the lobby and turn in to Nancy Eakin

Combined Ministries with Trinity PCA

Wednesday evenings during the school year provide opportunities to attend programs at Trinity, our sister congregation (6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg). A **Kids Club** for children ages 3 through 5th grade, an **ESL class**, and our **Middle School Youth Group** all meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings; **High School Youth Group** continues on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM. Hershey PCA is part of all of these ministries.

Angel Tree – This outreach of Prison Fellowship provides Christmas gifts to children of prisoners who cannot be with their families during the Christmas season. This Christmas, Hershey PCA is joining with Trinity PCA is giving gifts to 13 families in Central Pennsylvania. We have been asked to provide: Giant and/or Weis gift cards (for amounts no greater than \$25.00), batteries (packs no bigger than eight-packs), and Christmas candy that will be distributed to the families we serve. We will receive contributions are due **today**. Place them in the gift-wrapped box labelled "Angel Tree" in the lobby.



Join the Missions Committee: The Missions Committee is looking for people with a heart and interest in promoting missions within our congregation. We would like to maintain representation from both worship sites so we are hoping for new members from both places. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and learn about our committee's work.

2017 Financial Plan & Congregational Meetings: The preparation of the 2017 Financial Plan including both Trinity PCA and Hershey PCA is underway. The Session met on December 3rd to work through information and committee requests for next year's financial plan. An informational meeting about the 2017 Financial Plan is scheduled for January 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM at Trinity PCA; a Congregational Dinner and Meeting is being planned at Trinity PCA on February 5, 2017 and at Hershey PCA on February 12, 2017. Please pray for our church and her leadership during all proceedings regarding the wise use of our finances.

Today's Service Information

- 1) Front Cover Artwork: *The Bright Morning Star*, Barbara Kearns, 2016. Watercolor on paper, 7.5 in x 11.5 in. In the artist's private collection.
- 2) Music: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (198), "Good Christian Men Rejoice" (207), "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (162), and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (203) are reprinted from the *Trinity Hymnal* (Atlanta, GA: Great Commission Publications, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #703337.
- 3) Quotes: Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes used to explain prayers in our worship service from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995). Page 5: The quote about the Athanasian Creed is from "The Athanasian Creed" by R. C. Sproul at www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/athanasian-creed. Accessed on 12/09/2016 at 11:25 AM.
- 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).



Hershey PCA Prayer Guide for the Week of December 11-17, 2016

Tear off this page and post it in the place where you pray.

Intercession for the World:

- ♦ The Hershey Community (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly Enews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-eneews)
Derry Township Manager James Negley
- ♦ Civil Government (those in authority over us):
PA Supreme Court Justices
- ♦ Countries of Origin of our Church Family, Friends, and ESL Students
(at both of our worship sites, Hershey and Locust Lane):
Cameroon
- ♦ *Unengaged* Unreached People Group (a people group in which no known active onsite church planting is occurring, see www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Alawites of Syria
Population: 1,776,000; Language: North Levantine Arabic;
Religion: Islam - Shia

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- ♦ Long-Term Health Needs:
Vicki Gehron
- ♦ Church Government:
In Our Local Church (our ordained officers at Hershey PCA & Trinity PCA):
Deacon John Rhode
- ♦ Our Denomination (PCA):
Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA
- ♦ Supported Missionary or Organizations:
Matt and Jenn Irvine, serving with MTW in Great Britain

Additional Items for Prayer:

- ♦ Thanksgiving for the welcome given to us by our host school:
Lancaster Mennonite School-Hershey Campus

The King and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers of the Gospel: All our members

Hershey PCA Committee of Our Session*:

Pastor / Teaching Elder: David O. Kertland, M.Div., D. Min.
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Ruling Elders: Chris Haynes, Dr. Greg Moore, Nick Yingst

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Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) has been established as a second worship site of Trinity Presbyterian Church (www.trinityhbg.com), a member of the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org). We will continue to operate under the oversight of, and with the support of, Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) until the time when both worship sites (Hershey & Harrisburg) become fully self-supporting. We are *“one church in two locations becoming two churches in two locations.”*

Additional Members of Our Full Session & Pastoral Staff

who primarily worship at Trinity PCA, our other worship site:

Pastor / Teaching Elder: Bob Eickelberg (beickelberg@trinityhbg.com)

Ruling Elders: John McCurdy, George Parmer, Tom Seymour

Youth & Family Pastor / Teaching Elder: Michael Wolcott (mwolcott@trinityhbg.com)

*In the PCA, the Session is the governing body of the local church. Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) shares leadership and oversight with Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA).



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