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There is something about winter that creates in us a longing for the return of spring and the fulness of summer. We see the barren trees and the cold landscapes. They have a certain beauty—the sparkle of ice on the limbs of empty branches, the tracks of rabbits and deer on freshly fallen snow—and we are thankful to God for this present beauty. And yet, during this time we live in a world not quite what it could be, not quite what it will be, when summer returns. We begin to long for the fulness of leaves, and warmth, and freshly picked fruit.

In a similar way, the church today remembers with thanksgiving that Jesus came into the world which gives our days a certain beauty and joy. His Word and Spirit continue to provide wisdom and light on the path of life. And, yet, there is also in us an ache and longing for the fulness of our joy when he returns.



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 leaning 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* in our Education Wing.

A **private area for nursing mothers** is located at the back of the worship area.

A **Junior Church** for young worshippers from *age 4 through 2nd grade* meets in Classroom 2 in our Education Wing. Children are dismissed during the Song of Preparation and remain in Junior Church until the end of the worship service. Parents, please pick up your children at the end of the service.

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

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 for us this morning.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 16:7-11

*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

*⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.*

*¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.*

*¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.***

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

***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.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading: The Light has Entered the World: Matthew 2:1-15

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Confession of Sin

Assurance to All Who Receive the Light:

John 1:9-13

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.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Our time of intercession will close 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

Tithes and offerings are an expression of our worship to God.

Offertory

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

***Song of Preparation:**

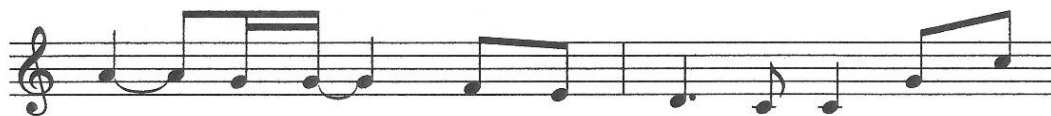
Speak, O Lord



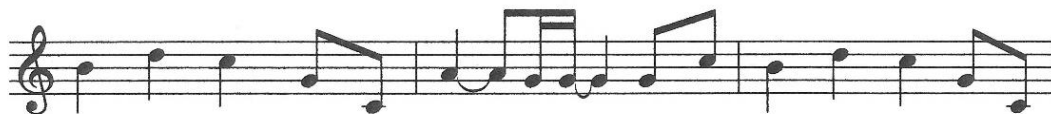
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
- mi - li - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plan for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fa - shion us in Your like - ness, that the
ra - di - ence of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au -
grace we'll stand on Your prom - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
- thor - i - ty. Words of power that can ne - ver fail; Let their
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - po - ses, for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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**

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon: Our Citizenship is in Heaven (17):
 *"Rejoice in the Lord"***

Pastor David Kertland Text: Philippians 3:1

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 grape 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, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

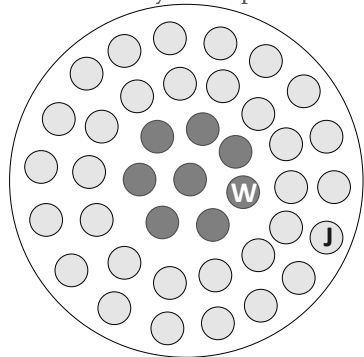
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them 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 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 as my Savior and Lord.” *If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, please share that with a friend or talk with our pastor who can help you take the next steps in the faith.*

Communion Cup Tray Layout

Light Gray = Grape Juice

Dark Gray = Grape Wine



Renewing Our Devotion to God

***Song of Response:**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
 2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how my
 3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -
 4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his

won - drous love to me: on the cru - el cross he
 lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
 um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he
 heav'n - ly love to me; he from death to life has

suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
 mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
 giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
 brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

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Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er!
Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er! Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er!

He pur-chased me,
With his blood he pur-chased me;
With his blood he pur-chased me, he pur-chased me;

on the cross he sealed my par-don,
on the cross he sealed my par-don, on the cross he sealed my par-don,

paid the debt and made me free.
paid the debt and made me free, and made me free, and made me free.

Receiving God's Blessing

*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.*

*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: As an act of fellowship and service, after a time of conversation and fellowship (approx. 15 minutes), please help to tear down today. We would love your help!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Anton Mauve (1838-1888), *Fishing boats on the Beach in Winter*, mid to late 19th Century, 12-13/16 x 16-1/16 in., black chalk and watercolor, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/384597>. Accessed 11/28/2018. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" (226) and "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (650) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Speak, O Lord" from www.gettymusic.com. 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).
- 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