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Front Cover Artwork

John Frederick Kensett, *The Old Pine, Darien, Connecticut*, c. 1872, Oil on canvas, 34.3" x 27.2", Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Given by Thomas Kensett. In the Public Domain.

John Frederick Kensett, (born March 22, 1816, Cheshire, Connecticut, U.S. - died December 14, 1872, New York, New York), American landscape painter, the leader of the second generation of the Hudson River school artists.

Kensett was known for his luminous depictions of tranquil landscapes. Among his most admired works are scenes of Lake George in the Adirondack Mountains as well as the coastlines of New England and New York. As a teenager, he studied drawing at his father's engraving firm. Working as an engraver of bank notes during the 1830s, Kensett began experimenting with landscape painting in his free time. He first exhibited his work at the National Academy of Design in New York in 1838. In 1840, he along with Asher Brown Durand, travelled to Europe where they studied both the scenery and many museums. Returning to the United States 7 years later, much of his early work was influenced by the careful observation and flickering brushstrokes he admired in the landscapes of Thomas Cole and John Constable. In 1849 he was elected to the National Academy of Design. He was a founder of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. By the 1850s, his paintings had taken on the airy compositions and meditative radiance for which he is now known. Over the course of his career, Kensett never tired of painting the subtle atmospheric effects of light and weather.

The artist died of pneumonia on December 14, 1872 in New York, NY.

Today, his works are held in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, among others.



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 4* in our Education Wing.

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

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 Anita Wood for playing piano for us this morning.

Reminder: Brief Congregational Information Meeting after Today's Service

The Hershey Oversight Committee of our Session is requesting members and friends to stay for a brief meeting after our worship service for the purpose of providing information about the process of our Hershey worship site becoming a separate, local PCA church.

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100: 1-2a, 5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Come Praise and Glorify



1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our Lord.
2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in Christ.
3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms His bless - ings on us poured.
In Him our sins are washed a - way, re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spir - it of the Lord.

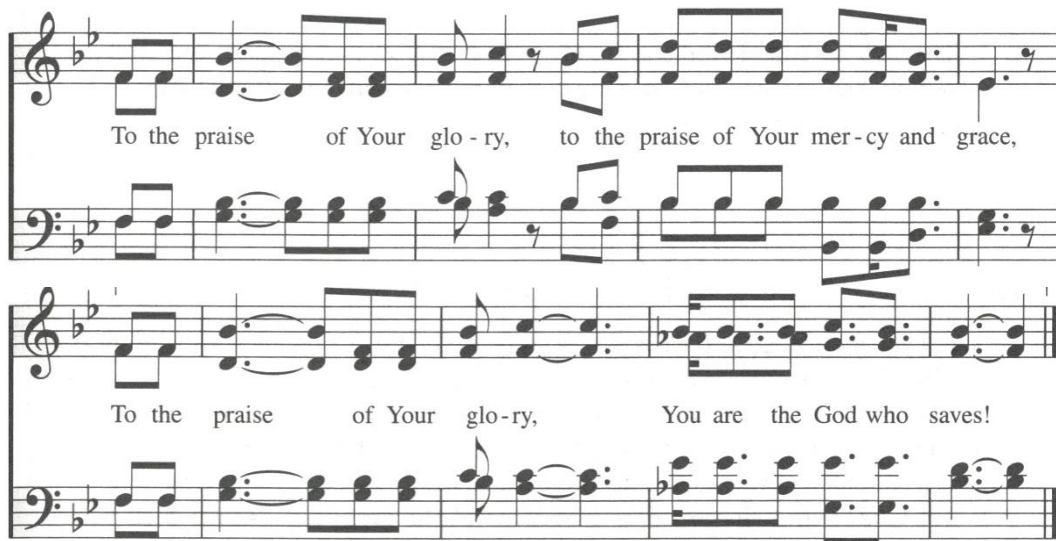


For pure and blame-less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
In Him God has made known to us the mys - t'ry of His will,
The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope un - til re-demp-tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
That Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill.
Un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three in One.





***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

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

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

I believe in **God the Father Almighty**,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the **Holy Spirit**,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***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

Exodus 20:1-2, 12

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ...

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

For silent meditation: a reading from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 104:

"What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment?"

That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us."

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

1 Corinthians 6:9, 11

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our 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

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Amen.

*Reminder, there is no Junior Church during the months of July and August.
A nursery is available for children through 4 years old.*

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**

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

*O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?*

*He who walks blamelessly
and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
who does not slander
with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach
against his friend;
in whose eyes a vile person
is despised,
but who honors those
who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt
and does not change;
who does not put out
his money at interest
and does not take a bribe
against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be moved.*

Psalm 32

A Maskil of David.

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*
² *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*
³ *For when I kept silent,
my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*
⁴ *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah*

⁵ *I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

⁶ *Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you
at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*
⁷ *You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah*

⁸ *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*
⁹ *Be not like a horse or a mule,
without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.*
¹⁰ *Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.*
¹¹ *Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Enjoying Jesus through the Songs of Our Faith (1)*
Psalm 32: Encountering God
 Pastor David Kertland

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)

*Singing Psalm 32:

What Blessedness (Psalm 32:1-7)



1. ¹What bless-ed - ness be-longs to him Who has for - giv - en been,
2. ³I lan-guished, si - lent in my guilt; My days were filled with groans.
3. Then You re-leased me from my sin, And took its guilt a - way.



For whom trans-gres-sions have been cleared, And cov-ered is his sin.
⁴On me Your hand pressed day and night, And heat dried up my bones.
⁶And there - fore while You may be found, Let all the god - ly pray.



²Blessed is the one for whom the LORD Counts no in - iq - ui - ty,
⁵My sin I then con-fessed to You, Not hid-ing guilt - i - ness;
They'll not be harmed by ris-ing floods. ⁷In You I hide in peace;



And in whose spir-it is no taint Of in - sin - cer - i - ty.
I said, "I will be - fore the LORD Trans-gres-sions now con-fess."
You keep me safe, sur-round-ing me With songs of my re-lease.



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.

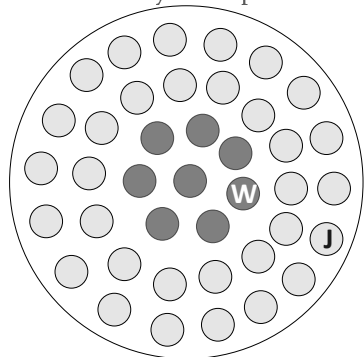
If you are *not* a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine pass by, let them 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 Dedication and Service: And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • quire no more. found out me. A - maz - ing love! How
 fol - lowed thee. Christ, my own.

be can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 that thou, my God,

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** John Frederick Kensett, *The Old Pine, Darien, Connecticut*, c. 1872, Oil on canvas, 34.3" x 27.2", Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. Given by Thomas Kensett. In the Public Domain (accessed 07/04/2019), downloaded from www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/74.38.
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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: edited article from two sources: www.britannica.com/biography/John-Frederick-Kensett and www.artnet.com/artists/john-frederick-kensett, both accessed 07/04/2019). 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