

GRAPEVINE

May 3, 2022

Christ is Risen!

Easter Worship 2022 was full, vibrant, and wonderful as we declared once more the church's great faith proclamation that the tomb is empty – we are Easter People & Alleluia is our Song!

Across the four Easter services GPC shared the hope of resurrection with a little over five-hundred people (this doesn't include livestream or archive viewers).

Here are some words that have been shared with me:

“...my daughter, a college student at Gettysburg College, had gone to your Sunrise Service and said, ‘it was an experience she will never forget.’ Since she was unable to come home for the holiday, I was happy your church was there to welcome her.”

“...please accept our thanks for all the work that went into this morning's Easter Worship service. It was truly amazing ... perhaps the music was the most spectacular of all the worship aspects!!”


“...we just finished attending the Sunday service on this blessed Easter at GPC. The service this morning was so deeply moving and meaningful ... whatever you and God intended was accomplished ... we shall carry it with us in the coming days. God bless you.”

Easter and Holy Week worship does not “just happen” – it is the gracious result of God's Spirit at work through faithful people who prepared and helped facilitate these worship services – for many weeks leading up to Easter. Choirs rehearsed, Tech Teams transported and set-up equipment, Musicians practiced countless hours behind the scenes. I am grateful for each person who participated in some way in worship. (A list of each group can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Our preparatory prayer the Sundays leading up to Holy Week and Easter focused on hospitality and hope – I am grateful to this congregation which became the answer to that prayer.

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, Indeed!
Alleluia and Amen!

With Gratitude,



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We are grateful for the persons who participated in the following ways in one or more of our Holy Week and Easter Worship Services:

Palm Sunday

8:15 a.m. – Adult Choir / Organist / Ushers / Liturgy & Bulletin Prep / Sound Tech

9:30 a.m. – Praise Band / Ushers / Liturgy & Bulletin Prep / Tech Team / Power Point / Sound & Livestream

11:00 a.m. – Adult Choir / Adult Bell Choir / Organist / Ushers / Liturgy & Bulletin Prep / Tech Team / Power Point / Sound & Livestream

Maundy Thursday (7:30 p.m.)

Adult Choir / Organist / Ushers / Liturgy & Bulletin Prep / Custodial Support / Sound & Livestream / Communion Prep and Clean Up / Worship Participants: Stations of the Cross Readers and Acolyte / Liturgist

Easter

6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Worship at The Eternal Peace Light

Tech Support (arrived circa 4:00 a.m.) / Musicians (arrived circa 4:00 a.m.) / Liturgy and Bulletin Preparation / Ushers / Fellowship Coordinators

8:15 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Organist / Adult Choir / Accompanist / Ushers / Liturgy & Bulletin Prep / Custodial Support [our custodian had to set up and changed sanctuary space for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday – setting up the Lily Cross and changing parament colors and hanging the cloth on the cross] / Sound

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Praise Band (these folks were also at the Sunrise Service) / Liturgy Preparation / Ushers / Tech Team / Power Point / Sound & Livestream / Custodial Support / Children's Church Easter Activity Station Leaders [were setting up these stations all week prior]

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Organist / Adult Choir / Brass Ensemble / Liturgist / Children's Message Leader / Ushers / Bulletin Prep / Custodial Support / Tech Team / Power Point / Sound & Livestream / Custodial Support

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (and a last-minute addition at 12:00 p.m.) – Easter Continental Breakfast
The Deacons baked food, cut fruit and cheese, and set-up fellowship hall on Saturday and served/cleaned up on Sunday

9:00 a.m. Flower Set Up in Sanctuary on Saturday before Easter

Easter Livestream and Archive

THANK YOU, Shane, Jerin, Paul and Blaze!!!!

We are grateful for our Tech Team, comprised of: Shane Miller, Jerin Firth, Paul Biederman, and Blaze Graff. They are the reason our worship services are available for simulcast and archive viewing.

If you were watching (or watched) Easter Sunday worship online, then you should know they were busier than ever – our internet went down midway through the 9:30 a.m. service and by the time they could remedy it we only could capture the first and last ten minutes of that worship service.

Then, the internet went down again just before the start of the 11:00 a.m. service. They remedied that by quickly creating a hotspot on one of their phones to record the service using the sanctuary cameras and going live via one of their cell phones (which created some in real time audio and video issues) – the uploaded service available via our archive has crisper audio and visual components. When next you see Shane, Jerin, Paul or Blaze – thank them profusely for their wonderful work under pressure to get our livestream out on Easter!

WELCOME CALEB & FAMILY

Our new Pastor, Caleb McClure and family, arrive on June 1st.

Be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall and write a message of welcome.

Posters will be out in Fellowship Hall on May 15, 22, and 29th for you to write your message to Caleb & family.

Let's make them feel welcome as GPC is so great at doing.

Historic Church Walking Tours

We received the following email on April 29, 2022 regarding the dissolution of the Historic Church Walking Tours (HCWT).

This is sad news to relay to your church; at our April 4th board meeting, we came to the bittersweet moment of having to dissolve the HCWT.

The pandemic played a great part on our not being able to have our inside tours for the past two years. Also, with most of our group aging out and competing with the many tours now. The HCWT has had a wonderful run, starting in 2004 until now. We are proud of having seen this dream of church tours become a reality.

We thank your church and the members who were part of HCWT. We could not have done it without them.

Thank you so much.

Warm regards,

Jean Green - Chair

Jane Malone - Vice Chair

GPC is grateful for all who were part of these tours and for the faith witness you shared as you represented the congregation in the community and the faith story this church has born witness to in Gettysburg since founded in 1740 and built on this present site in 1842.

Our May get-together will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 12 noon.

We will provide the chicken, so you can bring either a salad, vegetables, or dessert that serve 8 – 10 people to go along with it. (A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the chicken.)

Our speaker will be Kendra Debany. Kendra owns a business (Gettysburg House Histories) specializing in historical property research for homeowners in Adams County, PA. In addition to property research, Debany also specializes in genealogy studies, and gives house tours, lectures, and historical property walk-throughs.



Debany previously worked part-time as a Preservation Specialist for HGAC (Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Preservation Society) for their Barn Preservation Project, and as a McAllister Mill Underground Railroad site tour guide for HGAC. She is currently the Chair of their "House Preservation Award" Committee. Debany is a Past President of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable, and is a member of their "Civil War Building" Plaque Committee.

Debany holds a MA Degree in Military Studies, with a Concentration in Civil War Studies.

All are welcome to attend. To be sure that enough food is ordered, please let Cheryl know in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or email gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org by Monday, May 9th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEIDI MEREWEDDE

**Heide was voted "2022 Educator of the Year"
for the Littlestown Area School District**



Stephen Ministry

Stressed? Discouraged?

Lonely? Sad?

Don't Suffer Alone. Help Is Available.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. To find out more about Stephen Ministry please call Rev. Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4. Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
THIS SUNDAY, May 8, 2022
at the
Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater.**

It is also Mother's Day and Youth Sunday!

Bring a chair & a friend!

Golf cart rides available from the Sterner Building for those with mobility issues.

In case of inclement weather, there will be one service in the Sanctuary at 10 am.

(The service will be live-streamed if in the Sanctuary, but not if we are at the Rec Park).



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
RECOGNITION SUNDAY
May 22, 2022**

8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Worship

On Sunday, May 22nd we will recognize all High School Seniors and celebrate their graduation milestone!

We have a gift for each graduate.

We need the following information ASAP:

- Your full name
- Your plans after graduation

Drop information to Rev. Nyiri in church office or email

gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org by **May 19th (NOON)**



HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY

to Bill & Nancy Sterrett on June 17th

and

to Randy & Rachel Parmentier on June 19th!



HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY

to Dick & Pam Wisor on June 30th!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Volunteers needed to teach our young children at 9:00 and 10:30 during June – August. Material is easy to teach and everything you need is in one box. Signup sheets on CE table in Fellowship Hall. If we don't get volunteers, we will have to keep the children in the worship service.

Please help us with this program.

ANTIQUES and ICE CREAM

There will be a Women's Ice Cream and Antiques Social, Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a sundae (lactose free available), bring up to 2 treasures or antiques or just come to gather, once again. Jimmy Peters will be speaking and then talking about some of the treasures we've brought in.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by Mother's Day, May 8, or email or call Amy Deitch at ahdeitch@hotmail.com or 717-337-3534.

If you need a ride please let Amy know.



NEED A RIDE?

If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you.

We are only a phone call away.

April 11 - May 8 please contact Mary Beth Shoemaker at 610-730-5051.



May 9 - June 12 please contact Ellie Bilz at 201-739-8774.

“Calendar of Giving”

The Calendar of Giving is an opportunity for our congregation to support numerous local organizations. Through this program, we identify local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the identified organization.

For the month of:

May

We will be collecting items for

Agape House

Bath towels, kitchen towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, twin and queen-sized sheets, brooms, dust pans and utility buckets.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the following people/groups that we support:

- 5/8 Dori Hjalmarson**
She is serving in Honduras, a place where many US churches have pulled out. partnering with Presbyterian Churches there.
- 5/15 Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.**
Provides shelter through local churches for homeless person and works with them to find permanent housing.
- 5/22 Accion Ministries**
Rev. Oscar Dorantes coordinates this Ministry which hosts church groups (like ours!) in the Yucatan, and runs two homes for youth, so they can continue their education.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

ADULT ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ALLAH versus JEHOVAH – Are they the same?

Have you ever heard anyone say, “I don’t see what all the fuss is about between Christians and Muslims. Afterall, they worship the same God.”

When one hears this, one begins to wonder, is it true? Is the God of Christianity the same as the god of Islam? On the Sundays of 15 and 22 May, come to the Adult Sunday School class in the MacAskill Room during the 9:30 hour to explore this topic, using *No God But One*, by Nabeel Qureshi. Nothing is required of you in advance, except a curious mind.



High School Summer Mission

Calling all high school youth (9th through 12th graders) to be part of a home repair mission experience. We have chosen to partner with a well-respected nonprofit organization, Group Mission Trips, for our mission trip

because they have decades of experience in offering the highest level of safe, meaningful, hands-on service experiences along with intentional programming designed to invest the most valuable life skills and spiritual growth in today’s teenagers. Group is very much like the previous nonprofit organization we attended REACH Missions.

Here are the specifics of the trip:

Date:	July 10-16, 2022
Location:	Erie, PA
Who:	Any youth who completed 9 th grade through recent 12 th grade graduates (space permitting we will open the trip to college-age youth)
Cost:	Approximately \$300.00 per person (financial aid is available)

Questions or Register:

Call or email Rev. Nyiri (gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org – or – 717-334-1235, ext. 4).

Register by May 10, 2022.

More information on this Erie, PA home repair mission can be found by clicking this link to Group Mission Trips website: <https://groupmissiontrips.com/trip-types/home-repair/erie-pennsylvania> .



VBS 2022

June 20 -23

Step back in time to Egypt,
exploring the life of Joseph.



Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God’s Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration—a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Holy Land ADVENTURE

- Joseph interprets dreams in prison
- Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge
- Joseph leads Egypt through famine
- Joseph forgives his brothers
- Joseph settles his family in Egypt

Come to “Marketplace”

- Hair Braiding
- Basket Weaving
- Horn Book
- Egyptian Collars
- And much more...

All children ages 3 - grade 5 (completed) are invited to join us.
A registration fee of \$5.00 per child or
\$10.00 per family is necessary to cover costs.
Registration begins May 10 and ends June 7 (registration form below.)

LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

For more information or to volunteer, contact Cheryl Betts
at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian

Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace

Child’s Name _____ Parent’s Name _____
 Address _____ Phone # _____
 Age _____ Grade completed _____ Birth date _____ Allergies _____
 Church Affiliation _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____
 Physician _____ Phone # _____
 Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (\$5 each child / \$10 per family)

Spring time for me is a time of warmer temperatures (we are currently being teased by mother nature), longer days of sunlight, opening the windows and letting in the fresh air, budding trees, flowering tulips, forsythias, lilacs, birds singing, dormant plants come to life, light-weight jackets, softball games, camping, preparing my garden for planting, hummingbirds returning, bees buzzing, and the list goes on and on.

“Spring Cleaning” is defined as thoroughly cleaning one’s house or a room in the springtime.

Spring is also a time to think about “*Springtime Healthy habits*”. It is time to build positive habits and kick out the old ones. This Spring, get your body and mind on the right track by making healthy goals a priority. *Below are some helpful suggestions:*

Move more: Try to get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity each week. 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Gardening is a great way to start.

Healthy food choices: Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, and low-fat dairy products. Make 3/4 of your dinner plate should be fruits, vegetables and whole grains and 1/4 protein. Try some new recipes on the grill.

Substitute water for sugary or alcoholic drinks to reduce calories

Get more sleep: Adults need at least 7 hours of restful sleep, children ages 6-12 need 9-12 hours, of sleep and Teens 13-18 need 8-10 hours of sleep.

Sun Safe choices: wear a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses, and use at least SPF 15 sunscreen protection that blocks UVA and UVB rays.

Brush your teeth: twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste

Please don’t forget to turn in your “**GPC FCN Health Interest Survey 2022**”. Copies are located on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall. Complete your survey, place it in one of the folders located on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall or place in my mailbox.



Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women Committee and all GPC Presbyterian Women had another successful Rummage and Bake sale, April 22 and 23, 2022 in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds were \$3688, and an additional \$70 was donated for the people of Ukraine.

Thank you to everyone who baked and donated their treasures for sale and especially to all of the volunteers below who worked so hard all week to make it a success.

VOLUNTEERS

Sharon Baker, Ellie Bilz, Lucy Breighner, Suzanne Casteel, Elly Cleaver, Ann Cook, Nancy Cook, Amy Deitch, Barb Fair, Kathy and Bill Faloon, Randy Faloon, Debbie Farnsworth, Beth and Bill Fitzpatrick, Dawn Franzese, Cathy Gardner, Jane Gwyn, Sue Hain, Hank and Margo Har, Katharine Hawkins, Mandi Holler, Betty and Bryan Jones, Ron Jones, Melanie Keller, Anne Kern, Kathy Kircher, Susan Kolmer, Terry Lambert, Deb Litten, Sharon Martin, Janet McCoy, Marilyn McQuaide, Penny Messinger, Helen Miley, Laurel Minns, Andy and Mary Miner, Ben Moroz, Robin Murphy, Pam Musselman, Lou Nyiri, Rachel Parmentier, Pam Phillips, Robin and Don Robertson, Barb Roy, Mardy Sarnoff, Cindy and Lloyd Shaeffer, Carole Simon, Bunny Toddes, Larry Wagner, Bev Weber, Bonnie Wright, Marilyn and Scott Zanger.


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church believes that God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples we:

- * study regularly
- * pray daily
- * witness boldly
- * live faithfully
- * serve passionately
- * give generously
- * worship weekly



**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, May 12, 2022**

May 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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| May 8 | Youth Sunday
10:00 a.m. Combined Outdoor Worship Service at Rec Park |
| May 15 | Rev. Dale Williams Preaching |
| May 22 | Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri Preaching |

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org
Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner