

Welcome

to

Hanover Valley

We're glad that you're with us and we hope you'll find joyful worship that engages the heart and mind, genuine friendships, and a caring atmosphere. Feel free to take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you or if you need anything today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Please take a moment to fill out the tear off slip on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

This bulletin contains all you'll need to follow the service. Just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads, standing as indicated by the asterisk (*).

We invite you to stay for an informal refreshment time after the service - a great time to meet new friends.

Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Morning Worship
December 6, 2009
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Songs of Praise**

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Great Is The Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we believe that your Son our Lord Jesus Christ is coming again in power to judge the earth. We confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect your kingdom. We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored your promised judgment by not loving you with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for all our offenses. In your tender kindness, embrace us with your fatherly love, and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing Jesus soon, face to face. We offer our prayers through him. Amen.

Private Confession

Word of Encouragement

Isaiah 12: 1-2

I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

***Song of Christ**

Here In This Place

Lay your burden down, every care you carry;
And come to the table of grace, for there is mercy.
We come just as we are, though we're all unworthy
to enter your presence, O Lord, for You are holy.

Chorus: We lift our hearts, we lift our hands, we fall on our knees and pray
to the King of kings, for the love You bring is here in this place.
We raise our voices, raise our song, we offer You our praise.
You're the King of kings and the joy You bring is here.
You are here in this place.

Fill our lives with grace, show us Your forgiveness;
and give us the faith to believe that You've redeemed us.
You are Lord of all, and we give You glory,
all honor and power and praise, for You are worthy.

Chorus

Church Life Announcements & Prayers of the People

***Song of Praise**

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Scripture

Revelation 21-22, page 878 Chair Bible

Sermon

The Beginning of the Beginning

Pastor Drew Derreth

Offering & Special Music

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers provided on page 10 as a guide.

Note About the Supper: Wine is used. However, the outer ring of the tray contains non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

*Parting Song of Praise

O Come All Ye Faithful

(Refrain)

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent means "coming" and we remember what it was like for the people of the Old Testament as they awaited the coming of the Messiah which we celebrate at Christmas.

We look forward to Jesus' coming again. Purple, the ancient color of royalty, has traditionally been associated with penitence and expectation. It is used during the season of Advent, in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus our King.

The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for

the coming of Christ, the light of the world. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles which are lit on the four Sundays of Advent, grouped together with a white Christ candle which is lit on Christmas Eve. The main symbolism portrayed is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each Lord's Day and the anticipation that builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming.

Worship Musicians

Brandee Markle— **Pianist**

Debbie Trask, Debbie Stapf, and Teresa Summer — **Praise Team**

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Good Christian Men Rejoice

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Parking During the Worship Service: *We're glad you've come this morning. We have prioritized our parking lot next to our building for guests, but there are a variety of locations less than a block away. Maps are on the table in the Great Room pointing out various locations nearby where you may be able to park on Sundays, as you come for worship. All public metered parking is free on Sundays.*

Kids Under Construction: *This is an active and age-appropriate learning time for children from four years old through high school. Child care is also provided during this time for those children who may be younger.*

How Do You Study the Bible? *Learning to study the Bible well is an acquired skill of careful observation, thoughtful interpretation, and practical application. It is hard work, but the rewards are worth it. This Adult Workshop continues today and is taught by Dave Kieffer.*

Christmas Eve Music: *Love to sing? If so, then we need YOU to join the Praise Team as we worship the Lord in song and practice the music for the Christmas Eve service TONIGHT at 7:00 P.M. We will meet in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Teresa Summer at joshandtree@gmail.com or 717-634-8136.*

Christmas Eve Service: *Each Christmas, we offer a candlelight Christmas Eve service for the community at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center in Hanover. Please remember to*

invite your family and friends who might be interested in exploring Christianity to this special service which celebrates the wonder of the Christ's birth. The service will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Mercy Collection: *The Mercy Team is sponsoring a family for Christmas. We will need donations of non-perishable items for dinner and as well as gift cards so the family can go out and purchase gifts to Wal-Mart, the Hanover Mall, and TJ Maxx. If you are able, please donate these items by December 13th. There will be a box in front of kitchen for the items. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Harrity.*

Calling All 7th- 12th Graders: *Are you ready for Christmas??? Well, you better be check out the flyers in the Great Room for all of the information you need to get in the Christmas spirit. Don't forget to invite friends and fill out the sign-up sheet. For more information feel free to contact Josh and Teresa at 717-634-8136 or joshandtree@gmail.com.*

Growth Groups: *No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. Each of us needs a place to develop genuine friendships, to ask honest questions, and to discover the implications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along the spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church.*

Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to those not yet involved. Brochures on the value and format of Growth Groups are available in the Great Room.

Bob Anderson	637-7788	Mondays	7:00 PM
Colby Brewer	632-9807	Alternate Thursdays	7:00 PM
Drew Derreth	630-9510	Alternate Fridays	7:00 PM
Doug Hempfing	235-0197	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	7:00 PM
Dave Kieffer	549-3169	Alternate Tuesdays	7:00 PM
Paul Trask	632-2115	Alternate Fridays	7:00 PM
Bruce Schwarz	637-7696	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 PM

In addition to these growth groups, there are student Growth Group meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month led by: Jim & Karen Neff and Josh & Teresa Summer.

We also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.

We'd also love to help you find a group. Contact the church office at 630-9510.

This Week

TODAY	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Refreshments
	10:00 AM	Kids Under Construction
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Refreshments
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Music Practice
MON	7:00 PM	Growth Group (Anderson)
WED	7:00 PM	Growth Group (Hempfung)
	7:00 PM	Growth Group (Youth)

Prayer Concerns

Praise

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy one.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son! Give thanks.*

Friends and Family

- Pray for Abby Trask, Loyce Gay, and others as they look for new jobs.
- Pray that we might see our friends and co-workers through God's eyes, making us less critical and more compassionate.
- Pray for families coping with the pain and trauma of addictions. Pray for freedom in Christ from the slavery of addictions.
- Pray for those who are far away from family during the holidays.
- Pray for those who are seeking God but having difficulty accepting his grace and forgiveness.

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- to express gratitude to our Father for his daily provision, wisdom, and direction.
- to be conscious of the needs around us, within the body and in our community.
- to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- to be bold and fearless as we contemplate new roles of leadership in God's Kingdom.
- to live expectantly, as royalty in the greatest Kingdom.

Steps of Faith in Ministry

- Pray for the **Youth Team** to be energized by the Spirit of God accomplishing His work in the lives of students.
- Pray for the **Praise and Hospitality Teams** as they prepare for the opportunities to lead in worship and service throughout the holidays.
- Pray that all of us would **see opportunities to help** those who are feeling overwhelmed with raising children, long work hours, sick family members, travel time away from home, disharmony, addictions, grief, school schedules, and so much more.
- Pray for **Pastor Drew** as he counsels and teaches throughout the week. Pray for wisdom, family time, and study time.
- Pray that the **Children's Choir** would be an opportunity for the children to discover Jesus through music.

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National and International

- Pray for **international believers** to be protected from the evil of this world and to communicate the good news of Jesus to those who harass and persecute them.
- Pray for **missionaries** who are building relationships in other countries so that they can show the redemption of Jesus.
- Pray for the church plant in Vienna, Austria as they continue the work of Christ.

Health Related Struggles

Ask God to allow those who are struggling with health issues to experience

His presence every day.

Jim Lynn, Sr. (Jim Lynn's father) - recent diagnosis of prostate cancer; **Donna Baumgardener** (Ian O'Connor's Scoutmaster's wife) - undergoing cancer treatment; **Elaina** (Deb Stapf) - 9 month-old dealing with severe lung issues and a trach tube, also for her parents Tana and Dennis as they care for her at home; **Zach Forry** (friend of Doris Bange) - recovery from brain injury; **Christ Woappi** - cancer has returned; **Emily and Tim Murphy** (friends of Ellen Highfill) - both have cancer, yet need to take care of each other; **Christina** (friend of Sarah Crown) - pray that her unborn child will not be affected by the medicine she has received for meningitis; **Andrew Hauser** (son of Nancy and Art Rathell) - strengthened health as he continues to cope with Celiac's Disease; **Trask Family** - to be able to enjoy time together as a family and rest for Deb as she continues to manage Paul's health care, paperwork, & a new job; **James Mathais** (Melodi Arnold's brother) - brain cancer is in remission; **Kim** (friend of Debbie Trask) - ongoing potential of recurring Melanoma; **Susie Hancock** (cousin of Lin Sullenger) -

blood clotting disorder that threatens her heart & brain; **Warren Sullenger** - continued improvement in health.

Military

Pray for all those serving in the military both home and abroad.