

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 18, 2026

Prelude

Pavane by Ravel

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome
Announcements

Reverend David Wright
Mike Orleski

Call to Worship

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #1**

God Is Here!

***Invitation to Confession and Assurance**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: We confess that we have not been good stewards of the life and strength you have given us. You have provided us with sound minds, but we have been careless about what we put into them. We have abused the health and strength of our bodies with harmful habits and poor choices. We have starved our spirits of daily nourishment from your Word. Although you have equipped each of us with talents and abilities meant for building your kingdom, we have not so used them.

Forgive the disrespect we show you when we dishonor your gifts. Forgive us for having discouraged others in their exercise of your gifts. Forgive us for being slow to seek your will and reluctant to follow it when we do. Empower us with the energy of your Spirit, that we may become the people you have called us to be. Amen.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

I John 1:8, 9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalms 96:1-9, NIV

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Special Music

Take My Yoke Upon You by Nolan/Martin
Faithful Voices

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Just the Right Gift"

***Hymn #698**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

***Affirmation of Faith**
(See screen)

A Brief Statement of Faith, 52-80

Offering

***Doxology #34**

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Sharing

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn #581**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

***Benediction**

***Closing Song**

Sanctuary

Postlude

God of Our Fathers arr. Labenske

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Leading Worship: Reverend David Wright

Duty Elder: Mike Orleski

Organist: Deb Wolf

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
1865 Knoxlyn Road Gettysburg, PA 17325
office@lmcpcc.org / www.lmcpcc.org / 717-642-5332

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.