

Welcome

to
Hanover
Valley
Presbyterian
Church

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 on the next page and continue 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.

Children are welcome in the service, but if you'd prefer, quality child care is provided for infants through kindergarten age throughout the service. Please speak to one of the ushers for locations.

As a courtesy to those around you, we ask that you please mute cell phones during the worship time.

Sunday Morning Worship

January 8, 2012

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Gathering Song

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior; Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing; Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have, nothing compares to the promise I have,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Welcome & Announcements

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Renew us, O God, our sin is ever before us, and blinds us to your Goodness and Peace. Forgive our sin and heal our hurts. Restore us in Christ, and make us a renewing presence in this broken world, that all may know you, and bring glory to your Name, while you renew all things through Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession

*So this is what the Lord says, "Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41: 10

*Songs of Assurance

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood; He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies
called us by His grace and taught us; Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down;
for the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me; and return, O God, to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Prayers of the People

Offering & Special Music

Scripture

Revelation 2:1-7, page 867 Chair Bible

Sermon

Returning to Our First Love

Reverend Jeff McMullen

*Song of Reflection

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

*Benediction

*Parting Song of Praise

Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Refrain)

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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Worship Musicians

Jess Adams — **Piano**

Jimmy Lynn — **Guitar**

Meg Abbott, Jimmy Lynn, and Teresa Summer — **Praise Team**

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Workshop / Kids Under Construction
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	11:15 P.M.	Refreshments
MON	7:00 P.M.	Growth Group (Anderson)
	7:00 P.M.	Growth Group (Hemping)
TUE	7:00 P.M.	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 P.M.	Session Meeting
WED	7:00 P.M.	Prayer Gathering
SAT	8:00 A.M.	Ministry Team Meeting

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Psalm 86:1

God's Amazing Grace

- Thank God for the community kids that attended the Christmas party.
- Thank God for the amazing healing that Bruce Schwarz is experiencing.
- Thank God that He has provided the most generous expression of His love for us by giving us His Son as our redeemer.

Kingdom Perspective

- Pray for Dave and Esther Miller as they continue to proclaim the beauty of the gospel to Chileans. Pray for them as they are home visiting friends and family and sharing the stories of hard work, perseverance and new understanding.
- Pray for Disciple Maker ministries to be able to engage students on college campuses in conversations that lead to an understanding and faith in Jesus. Ask God to show them the students that He is drawing to Himself.
- Pray that the global church would be marked by true repentance, faith, evangelism and discipleship.

Hanover Valley Steps of Faith

- Pray for the grieving families and friends of the five students who died in the car accident on 12/5.
- Pray that the Hanover community would take the opportunity to worship God together on Christmas Eve. Pray that all the churches would be unified in their endeavor to proclaim the arrival of the Messiah.
- Pray for those who will struggle with depression and anxiety that is caused by loneliness and the holiday season.
- Pray for many families to come to Jesus this Christmas season.
- Pray that we might lovingly embrace and encourage in Christ everyone who walks into our midst and that we might go out, as Jesus sent out His disciples, with great boldness in our faith.

Health-Related Struggles

Ethel Eaton (Warren Sullenger's grandmother) – injured her back in a fall; **Adele** (Anne Scott's mother) – needs her health to be stabilized so that her family can care for her. Pray for wisdom in the decisions that will be made and for the family to be united; **Laura Dzbynski's father** – his heart is not working to its full capacity; **Lydia Dzbynski** – as the family tries to understand a partial loss of hearing; **Bruce Schwarz** – will be returning to work in January; **Annie Laure Woappi** – To be able to rest, find confidence, and deeply experience the love of our Father. She is deeply saddened by the loss of her father; **Paul, Debbie, and the Trask Family** – They need our prayer and friendship. Life on this earth is hard as Paul is continually affected by ALS. Ask God to show us how to encourage and care for them. Pray for sleep, caregivers, time together as a family, comfort for Paul, and steadfastness in this long journey. Pray for continued increase in the benefits that he receives as the disease progresses. He also needs to learn a new computer system; **Brent Pohl** (friend of Dave and Marty Kieffer) – He has an *urgent need* for a kidney transplant. JHU is screening possible donors; **Tina Doss** (friend of Michelle O'Connor) – has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and she is a single mother of three school-age children; Pray for **Daniel Abbott** and his new baby daughter (Schwarz/Abbott family) – his 22 year-old wife died suddenly; **Father of Stephanie Brown** – in need of a kidney donor; **Amy** (friend of Deb Stapf) – diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer; **Haidyn** (friend of Shannan Nakielny) – Pray for a decrease in seizures, more complete diagnosis, and a successful treatment plan; **Butch** – He has been moved to York Hospital. Please continue to pray for healing of his lungs and check with Bob Casper for an update.

Military

Thank God for the men and women who work hard and sacrifice much to defend our country.

Please pray for our military people who are far from home for the holidays.

Pray that they would be greatly encouraged and know of the Father's deep love for them.

Stateside: Alec Speights, Steve Astrin, David Casper, Jonathan Hempfing, and John Highfill.

Overseas: Jeremiah Harrity — USAF (Italy) and Alston Schwarz — returns on 12/11.

To update prayer requests, contact Susan Schwarz at 637-7696 or yakingfamily@hotmail.com.

Hanover Valley Bulletin Board

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 younger children.*

Christianity Through History: *God's plan in the Bible is to reach the whole world, every nook and cranny. Everything is His by right - every people group, every generation, every last inch. As with Abraham, God starts working personally to transform the individual, but his end game is to heal the whole world. This course will go beyond personal implications, and focus on the Gospel's corporate implications as evidenced in the church, and in the gospel's effect on institutions and cultures throughout history. This class will start **TODAY**.*

Half-Day Parenting Workshop: *Do you ever feel like you are flying by the seat of your pants? Save the date for **Saturday, January 28th**, as Hanover Valley offers a half-day parenting workshop from 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. Join us as we talk about key issues, share experiences, and explore what the Bible presents on how to be better lovers of our kids and others. The Kids Under Construction team will offer an event for infants and children during the workshop. For more details, contact the church office at 630-9510.*

Congregational Luncheon and Meeting: *Each year, we gather as a congregation to give thanks to God for all that He has done and to look ahead to the coming year. On **Sunday, January 29th**, we will have a luncheon after the service to enjoy the year in review and to discuss our mission, budget, and questions as well as to pray for the upcoming year. Everyone is encouraged to attend; this is not simply for members, but for all those who care about what is on the horizon for Hanover Valley. It will be an exciting and informative time. Please make this meeting a high priority.*

Serving Opportunity: *Hanover Valley Church prepares and serves lunch at the shelter across the street on the 5th Sunday of each month. The next opportunity is coming on January 29th. The Mercy Team is looking for folks willing to serve in simple ways with setting up, cooking, and cleaning up. For questions, please contact Bonnie Harrity at 717-630-2771.*

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 P.M.
Colby Brewer	632-9807	Alternate Thursdays	7:00 P.M.
Drew Derreth	630-9510	Alternate Fridays	7:00 P.M.
Doug Hempfing	235-0197	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	7:00 P.M.
Bruce Schwarz	637-7696	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 P.M.
Paul Trask	632-2115	Alternate Fridays	7:00 P.M.

In addition to these Growth Groups, there are student meetings on every other Thursday. This group is led by Amanda Cooper, Mark & Meggan Smith, and Andrea Hempfing. We also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.