

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 27, 2009
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Songs of Praise**

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest Friend to me.
Long my heart hath panted; til it well-nigh fainted, thirsting after Thee.
Thine I am, O, spotless Lamb. I will suffer naught to hide thee;
ask for naught beside thee, ask for naught beside thee.

In Thy strength I rest me, if Thy arms protect me. Who can reach me here?
Though the earth be shaking; every heart be quaking, God dispels our fear.
Sin and hell and conflict fell, with their heaviest storms assail us.
Jesus will not fail us, Jesus will not fail us.

Banished is our sadness for the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in Thee lies purest pleasure.
Jesus, priceless treasure, Jesus, priceless treasure.
(Repeat last 2 lines)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we long to recapture the wonder of Christmas. You showed the world your splendor in the coming of your Son, the mystery of God becoming man. Yet, our sins have made us hard. Instead of peaceful – our hearts are anxious; Instead of joyful - we are irritable; instead of filled with surprise – we are bland; instead of anticipation - we are filled with dread. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us by your grace and mercy. Apply the work of Christ to us again. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, from everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. In the name of our Redeemer, Christ, Amen.

Private Confession

Word of Encouragement

Galatians 4: 4-6

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” So you are no longer a slave, but a son.

***Song of Christ**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Chorus (Repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbid to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Christmas Wonder

Pastor Drew Derreth

Offering & Special Music

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.

Worship Musicians

Jess Stauffer — **Pianist**

Meg Abbott, Angela Brewer, and Abby Trask — **Praise Team**

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Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why you joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire you heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

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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.*

Congregational Luncheon & 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 31st**, we will have a luncheon after the service to enjoy the year in review and to discuss our mission, budget, questions and prayer for 2010. We will also be electing additional church officers. 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. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the great room.*

Inclement Weather: *If there is ever a need to cancel or modify our Sunday Services due to inclement weather, the church will announce any changes on our web sight at: www.hanovervalley.com and on the radio (WHVR - 1280 AM or WYCR - 98.5 FM) prior to these events, usually on Sunday morning.*

Dot Com: *Don't forget to check out our website for more information about Adult Workshops, Youth Group activities, and Growth Group meetings. Also, if you missed a Sunday and want to catch up, you will find the bulletin posted as well as sermons that you can listen to or download. In addition, there are many reference tools for your use, a calendar of upcoming events, and links to other*

organizations of interest. Remember to log on to www.hanovervalley.com.

Thank You: *To everyone involved in serving during the Christmas Eve service that we offered to the community. Everything was wonderful and many folks were welcomed and cared for. Thanks to all the musicians, readers, greeters, vocalists, and those on the hospitality team. Your sacrifices of time and energy truly shared the love of Christ with the community.*

Serving Opportunity: *Hanover Valley Church prepares and serves the lunch at the shelter across the street from the church on the 5th Sunday of each month. The next opportunity is coming on January 31st. The Mercy Team is looking for folks willing to serve in simple ways with setting up, cooking, and cleaning up. Since it's on a Sunday, we encourage you to consider worshiping at one service and serving during the other. For questions, please contact Bonnie Harrity at 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 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

Prayer Concerns

Praise

- Thank God that His plan for us involves love, forgiveness, and freedom.
- Thank God for every circumstance that points us to our need of Him.
- Thank God that He delights to call us His precious children.

Friends and Family

- Pray for those who experience sadness and depression during the holiday season that their sadness would be replaced with the joy that Jesus offers.
- Pray that we might know how to display the love of Jesus to the hungry and the homeless in our community.
- Pray that we would speak the truth of Christmas into the lives of our friends and family in many different ways.
- Pray for family members who have drifted away from knowing Jesus, that they be restored to the peace of Christ.
- Pray for Jonathan Blake to find a job.

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- That we would love one another with no thought of condemnation or judgment.
- That we would offer our whole hearts in service to the King
- That we would live in humble repentance, receiving forgiveness with joy.
- That we would anticipate great surprises as God works in our lives and those around us.
- That we would be willing to sacrifice for others.

Steps of Faith in Ministry

- That we will graciously care for those God brings into our lives.
- That Christmas Eve would be a time of satisfying worship of the King of Kings.
- That children would respond to the heart of Jesus as they hear and experience the story of his birth.
- For Growth Groups to enjoy festive celebrations; making new friends and deepening relationships.

National and International

- Pray that Jesus would be the focus of Christmas celebrations around the world, resulting in people hearing the gospel internationally.
- Pray for the peace and rescue of believers who suffer brutal betrayal by their government.
- Pray for food, clothing, and shelter for those who are poor.

Health Related Struggles

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

His presence every day.

Christ Woappi - to respond to cancer treatment and for him and his family to know the presence and peace of God; Pray that God would set **those who are in our community fighting an on-going battle of drug addiction** free; **Jim Lynn, Sr.** (Jim Lynn's father) - for recovery from prostate cancer surgery; **Trask family** - to experience the deep and abiding peace of Jesus; **Destiny Arnold** - for a quick recovery from minor surgery on December 28th; **Brian King** (Dave Arnold's cousin) - for recovery from leg amputation after a motorcycle accident and for strength for his mother; **Leroy Cross** (Susan Schwarz's father) - for restored health and peace; **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) - for recovery from brain injury; **Emily and Tim Murphy** (friends of Ellen Highfill) - both have cancer, yet need to take care of each other; **Christina 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; **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.