

**This Week, in our prayers:**

- \* in the presbytery: Central (Chambersburg); Rev. Chris Schwab, interim
- \* in the community: Claremont Chaplaincy
- \* in the congregation (at random): Joanne Doyle

**This Week, in the life of the church:**

- ~ Monday: Presidents' Day federal holiday
- ~ Tuesday, 7 PM: Session meeting
- ~ Wednesday, 12:30 PM: Ladies' Fellowship Lunch (details follow)
- ~ Wednesday, 6 PM: Ash Wednesday worship service
- ~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal
- ~ Thursday, 8 AM: Mens' Breakfast (Carlisle Diner, W. High St.)

**Next Sunday.....1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday in Lent .....Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- > 9:15 AM: Prayer, sanctuary
- > 9:30 AM: Sunday school
- > 10:45 AM: Worship; Scripture, Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 & Matt. 4:1-11
- > After worship: Birthday celebration/fellowship (details follow)

**Ladies' Fellowship Lunch:**

- Who: All ladies of the church
- When: Wednesday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>
- Where: Spring Road Restaurant (1900 Spring Rd., Carlisle)
- What Else:
  - o A sign-up sheet is posted for your use **TODAY**, to help us plan.
  - o Point of contact is Kathy Mulvey (contact info is in the directory.)

**A Super Soup-er Bowl, It Was!** More than 50 church members enjoyed our annual "Soup-er Bowl of Caring" event last Sunday. We accurately predicted the Seahawks as victors with 105 cans of soup, while the Patriots accumulated 79 cans. 184 cans of soup have been donated to Project Share, along with donations totaling \$655 (up from \$200 in 2025)! **Many thanks** to Jim King for leading a lively team competition; and to all the cooks, servers, cleaning crew, and donors. (Board of Deacons)



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Wednesday Noon, 5-part,  
Lenten Concerts & Luncheons Series  
1<sup>st</sup> Concert/Luncheon: February 25<sup>th</sup>

**HELPERS NEEDED!**

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall today!  
Luncheons POC: Deb Richcreek

**PLEASE TAKE A FLYER TO POST ON YOUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD.**

Let's make our 19<sup>th</sup> annual series a huge success!



**The Family of Alberta Stoops** invites her church family to a celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, after worship **next Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Bring your cards and well-wishes as we share light refreshments and yes, there will be cake!



Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:00 PM



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First Presbyterian Church  
On-the-Square  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



February 15, 2026

10:45 a.m.

The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
The Sunday Next before Lent

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDES

*Humbly I Adore You*  
*Arioso*  
*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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Handel  
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(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)  
~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*Jesus, Our Divine Companion*

Hebble

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.  
**God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.  
**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

\* HYMN #306 – “Fairest Lord Jesus”

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer,  
we confess that our lives  
do not reflect your glory.  
You shine on us with wonder,  
but we fail to see your beauty.  
You speak to us with truth,  
but we fail to heed your voice.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Open our eyes to your glory.  
open our hearts to your mercy;  
open our lives to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**  
(*silent confession . . .*)

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

\* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive  
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**  
(*Extend a word of peace with one another . . .*)

## PROCLAIMING

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Reveal your presence to us this day,  
O God of light and love and glory.  
As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain,  
send your Spirit to remind us of your story.  
May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place  
as we dare to proclaim your Word;  
and may we, your people, always be able  
to tell what we have heard. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 (O.T., p. 70)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Beck

SECOND LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 (N.T., p. 18)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “A Vision and a Command” Rev. Lorenz

\* HYMN #74 – “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

\* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the  
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

## GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES  
Offertory *Presto* Moller

\* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Great God of dazzling beauty  
and overshadowing majesty,  
in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
we glimpse the image of your glory.  
Teach us to listen to him  
so that we may hear your voice  
and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN**

### SENDING

\* HYMN #446 – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING RESPONSE #525 (*Refrain*)

**“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.”**

\* POSTLUDE *Voluntary* Beckel

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\* indicates please stand, if able  
BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the  
name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to  
become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to  
follow Jesus Christ. Info at: [www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org).

### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*After worship, please come to Fellowship Hall* for our Annual Congregational  
Meeting, and fellowship time (celebrate February birthdays!).

*The Prayer Community* meets after today’s Annual meeting. All welcome!

*Today, serving in worship:*  
Reader: Denise Kelly  
Greeters/Ushers: Kari Kornish; Rick Line; Suzanne McKinnon  
Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee  
Video Recorder: Joe Shane  
Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas