

## Quinquagesima Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



### *The Preparatory Service*

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*"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."*

March 2, 2025

**8:00 a.m. in Person in Sanctuary**

**10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary**

## ***Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!***

Eric Weihenmayer calls himself an "unrealistic optimist," and that is a good description since he was the first blind climber ever to reach the top of Mount Everest. Now he does business consulting and charity work, helping people see the world in new ways.

Asked by *Fast Company* magazine what he looks for in teammates, his response sums up what faith is all about. He said, "I look for people who have an unrealistic optimism about life. I hear people say, 'seeing is believing.' I want people who believe the opposite, 'Believing is seeing.' You've got to believe first in what you're doing and be sure you have a reason to believe it. You can tell who those people are. You say, "Hey, want to climb Everest with a blind guy?" Pretty quickly you'll figure out who's a believer.

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**Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025**

**11:00 a.m. Great Litany, Ashes & Communion  
New Goshenhoppen Church  
Rev'd Stephanie Anne Thompson, preaching**

**7:00 p.m. Word, Ashes, and Communion  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane  
Rev'd Stephanie Anne Thompson, preaching**

**Wednesday, March 12  
Lenten Evening Prayer "I Am"  
7:00 p.m. New Goshenhoppen Church  
Rev'd Steve Myren, preaching**

**We Confess and Praise**  
*The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

**Voluntary on "Slane"** - arr. Jason D. Payne  
**Down Ampney** - Douglas Wagner

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn: No. 49

**The God of Abraham Praise** - Leoni

Invitation

*The Lord is in His holy temple,  
let all the earth keep silence before Him. **Amen.***

The Decalogue – The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in

them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep all these laws.**

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Let us pray. . .

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

***Spare us, good Lord.***

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally, to beat down Satan under our feet,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
***Grant us thy peace.***



The Collects

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

## ***We Hear and Respond***

From the Prophets

Jeremiah 8:4-9

- <sup>4</sup> "You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD:  
When men fall, do they not rise again?  
If one turns away, does he not return?  
<sup>5</sup> Why then has this people turned away  
in perpetual backsliding?  
They hold fast to deceit;  
they refuse to return.  
<sup>6</sup> I have paid attention and listened,  
but they have not spoken rightly;  
no man relents of his evil,  
saying, 'What have I done?'  
Everyone turns to his own course,  
like a horse plunging headlong into battle.  
<sup>7</sup> Even the stork in the heavens  
knows her times,  
and the turtledove, swallow, and crane  
keep the time of their coming,  
but my people know not  
the rules of the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup> "How can you say, 'We are wise,  
and the law of the LORD is with us?'  
But behold, the lying pen of the scribes  
has made it into a lie.  
<sup>9</sup> The wise men shall be put to shame;  
they shall be dismayed and taken;  
behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD,  
so what wisdom is in them? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Je 8:4–9.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Psalter

Psalm 30  
Chanted Responsively

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>l</sup> ed me up\*  
and have not let my enemies triumph <sup>l</sup> over me.

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried <sup>l</sup> out to you,\*  
and you restored <sup>l</sup> me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>l</sup> from the dead;\*  
you restored my life as I was going down <sup>l</sup> to the grave.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD, you ser-<sup>l</sup> vants of his;\*  
give thanks for the remembrance <sup>l</sup> of his holiness.**

<sup>5</sup>For his wrath endures but the twinkling <sup>l</sup> of an eye,\*  
his favor <sup>l</sup> for a lifetime.

**<sup>6</sup>Weeping may <sup>l</sup> spend the night,\*  
but joy comes <sup>l</sup> in the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never <sup>l</sup> be disturbed.\*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong <sup>l</sup> as the  
mountains."

**<sup>8</sup>Then you <sup>l</sup> hid your face,\*  
and I was <sup>l</sup> filled with fear.**

<sup>9</sup>I cried to <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD;\*  
I pleaded with <sup>l</sup> the Lord, saying,

**<sup>10</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down <sup>l</sup> to the pit?\***  
**Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>l</sup> clare your faithfulness?**

<sup>11</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>l</sup> cy upon me;\*  
O LORD, <sup>l</sup> be my helper."

**<sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing <sup>l</sup> into dancing;\*  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed <sup>l</sup> me with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you <sup>l</sup> without ceasing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give you <sup>l</sup> thanks forever.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Lutheran Book of Worship 1978, Augsburg-Fortress.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.<sup>3</sup>

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Hymn: 452

***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Luke 18:31-43

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

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<sup>3</sup>*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 13:1–13.

<sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. <sup>4</sup>

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr. Williams – "PD"

## ***20/20 Vision***

\*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A No. 56

**I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement,  
will never hold against me any of my sins  
nor my sinful nature,  
which I need to struggle against all my life.**

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<sup>4</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 18:31–43.

**Rather, in his grace  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.**

The Exhortation

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we cast ourselves down at thy feet with deep humiliation and heart felt penitent grief, in view of our manifold sins. We have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; we have broken thy holy laws; we have come short of thy righteousness and glory in all our ways. Righteousness belongeth unto thee, O Lord, but unto us only confusion of face; but unto thee, O Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against thee; for thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy until all them that call upon thee. Look upon us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves, with sincere confession, before the throne of thy heavenly grace; and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in thee. And with the full pardon of our past sins, be pleased also to quicken us, we beseech thee, in the way of righteousness, and uphold us with thy Spirit; that we may walk worthy henceforth of the vocation wherewith we are called, and ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

I now ask you in the presence of God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience:

Do you acknowledge and deplore your many sins with contrite heart?

**I do!**

Do you believe that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus' sake, to forgive all your sins?

**I do!**

Do you resolve to submit yourself in the future to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may no more purposely sin, but be enabled to follow after holiness?

**I do!**

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
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scanning the QR code with your camera



\*Offering Presentation: No. 606    ***The Doxology***

\*Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 450                    ***Be Thou My Vision*** - Slane

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .  
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus  
with all people!***

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

**St. Anne** – arr. Wayne Kerr

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## About the Season of Lent. . .

Historians generally agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. Earliest observances of Lent seem to have focused particularly on the practice of fasting. Council records suggest that the fast applied at first mainly to new converts as a period of repentance and reflection before baptism at Easter. The actual 40-day period varied region-to-region, even church-to-church; some including weekends, some not; some fasting Sundays, others not. But in every case, the fast was strict: one meal a day after 3 PM with no meat, fish, or dairy. It was Pope Gregory I [590-604] who finally regularized the period of the fast church wide, to begin on a Wednesday 46 days before Easter with a ceremony of ash, and not to include Sundays, which were perennial days of celebration.

Other historical records indicate that a pre-Easter season of fasting, had actually been in practice already, as far back as the second century, and perhaps even earlier. In "History of Lent," Father William Saunders writes that early church father, St. Irenaeus [c. 130-202], in a letter to Pope St. Victor, mentioned a dispute about the number of days for the pre-Easter fast.

The "Gesima" Sundays emerged in the fifth century as a preparatory cycle for the season of Lent. The Latin names arose by analogy with Quadragesima, the first Sunday in Lent, known as the "fortieth day" before Easter.

The parament color changes to purple. The order of worship moves to a more penitential form, however the Doxology and Alleluia may still be used on these three Sundays.



*In 2025 we celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Falkner Swamp Church of the founding of the German Reformed Church in America. To mark that significant anniversary, each Sunday you will find the Questions & Answers from the Heidelberg Catechism printed for The Lord's Day. A refresher for what we believe as Reformed people of God in this place.*

**26.Q. What do you believe when you say:  
*I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?***

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, <sup>1</sup> and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, <sup>2</sup> is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father. <sup>3</sup> In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, <sup>4</sup> and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. <sup>5</sup> He is able to do so as almighty God, <sup>6</sup> and willing also as a faithful Father. <sup>7</sup>

- 1.Gen 1 and 2; Ex 20:11; Job 38 and 39; Ps 33:6; Is 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15.
- 2.Ps 104:27-30; Mt 6:30; 10:29; Eph 1:11.
- 3.Jn 1:12, 13; Rom 8:15, 16; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5.
- 4.Ps 55:22; Mt 6:25, 26; Lk 12:22-31.
- 5.Rom 8:28.
- 6.Gen 18:14; Rom 8:31-39.
- 7.Mt 6:32, 33; 7:9-11.

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## MARCH 2, 2025

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers  
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist  
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Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor  
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**WELCOME VISITORS** ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

**WiFi PASSWORD:** Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Please read Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** are located in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall side entrance and at the elevator entrance on the lower level. There is no charge for the booklets.

**NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, March 2, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Come tour our school and meet the teachers. Registrations will be accepted for the 2025-2026 school year. Three programs are offered: A three-day program for 4 & 5 year olds; a two-day program for 3 & 4 year olds; and a one-day program for toddlers.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** cordially invites everyone to the March gathering which is Monday, March 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room (located on the first floor of the C.E. building). Mr. Larry Roeder, Upper Perkiomen Historian, will join us and share with us "The Perkiomen Trunk and Bag Fire". ALL are invited to come, hear and see a presentation of the unsolved mystery of this tragic fire. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Each month, Women's Fellowship collects small items for specific needs within our Christian community. This month we are receiving contributions of baby items such as sleepers, bibs, wipes, diapers and bottles for Genesis Women's Clinic in Pottstown. There is a container in the Social Room for your contributions. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.*

**CHANCEL FUND**

**In memory of Rev. Dr. Albert E. Teske**

by Gary & Sandy Schuler

**BE OUR GUEST** on Monday, March 3 for a 'take out' style meal provided and served by St. Paul's Church. Cheesy Baked Ziti, side salad, dinner roll, applesauce and a sweet treat is on the menu. Serving will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. If you prefer to dine in, Pennsburg UCC will be offering ham, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, sweets. They serve a sit-down dinner promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5:** The Reformation Sister Clergy will be hosting Ash Wednesday, the Wednesdays of Lent, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil this year. On Ash Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., New Goshenhoppen will host the community "day" service, and St. John's Lutheran, Green Lane will host the evening service at 7:00 p.m. This year, the pastors have decided to "mix up" the preachers in the rotation. On Ash Wednesday, Rev'd Stephanie Thompson will preach the Service of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**NEW MEMBERS:** If you have been attending New Goshenhoppen Church and would like to join our faith family, please speak to Rev. Williams. New members will be received on Sunday, March 9.

**MARCH 12TH LENTEN SERVICE SOUP SUPPER:** Following the community Lenten service on March 12th, we will be hosting a soup supper in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship and to enjoy the variety of soups our members will be sharing with us. Any extra help for set up and clean up would be appreciated.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Health and Welfare Committee and Miller/Keystone BC would like to express our appreciation to all that came out to donate blood. Fourteen (14) lifesaving units were collected because of your generosity! Please mark your calendar for our next drive on Tuesday, April 29th.

**HILLEGASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OPPORTUNITY:** Through the generosity of the Foster C. and Florence (Moll) Hillegass Scholarship Fund, New Goshenhoppen U.C.C. is able to grant financial assistance to members of the congregation who have decided to further their education. The Scholarship Awards are for post high school students working for an undergraduate degree at an accredited school. All scholarships are awarded to full-time students for a maximum of 4 years, whether the continuing education is comprised of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years of undergraduate studies. Students applying to a community college, trade school, technical school, nursing school, as well as individuals pursuing a degree in ministry from an accredited school, are also eligible for this scholarship. Scholarships are given based on financial need, church involvement and academic record. Members may stop by the New Goshenhoppen Church office to pick up an application and information packet. Applications **MUST** be postmarked by **Tuesday, April 15, 2025** in order to receive consideration. Students currently receiving a scholarship will get applications via the postal service in early April.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS** may pick up their arrangements immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. *Flower arrangements that are not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Church Office until Tuesday, after which time they will be discarded.*

**BULLETINS** are presented in honor of our parents by Emy & Steve Moyer; and in memory of departed loved ones by Gloria & Frank Eidle.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in honor of the birthday anniversary of wife, Nancy Hunsberger by husband, Norman.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left)** are presented in loving memory of parents, Fern & Hugh McNaughton and brother/brother-in-law, Bob McNaughton by Deanna (McNaughton) & Stuart Schoenly.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right)** are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Andrew Rocco with love, Bonnie, Christine & Phil, Bryan, and grandchildren, Grace and Gavin.

**ATTENDANCE: 2/23/25** – 8:00 a.m. 50; 10:30 a.m. 40; Livestream (You Tube) 46. Sunday School 30.

Above is the "Live" Concurrent Household Number - (*Note: "number of households" is less than "number of people". If on average each household has two people watching, then our numbers are 2x the number of households that tuned in.*)

**OPERATING INCOME 2/23/25:** Current & Benevolences \$4,868; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$665. Monthly EFT income \$5,060. Brass Buckets \$2,385.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** 73 units have responded. There is \$84,130 pledged. The amount received since 2023 is \$86,381 (including Capital Campaign memorial gifts.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$93,460.56
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$93,460.56
Year to Date Expenses	\$110,664.39
Special Projects BIM Income	\$11,407.16
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$5,649.96
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$5,500.00

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	1:00 p.m.	Nursery School Open House (Nursery School rooms)
	3:00 p.m.	Game Night (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship (Confirmation Room)
	6:00 p.m.	First Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
	5:30 p.m.	Outdoor Ministries Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Friendship Committee (Heidelberg Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Quiet Days (various rooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	11:00 a.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Communion Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Communion Service (St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Fri.	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (4 <sup>th</sup> grade room; Apostles' & Heidelberg Rooms)
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Blue/Gold Banquet (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)

### Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex – Bruce Adam Roberts' Church Office – Emy Moyer Elevator – Lois Anastas Upper Narthex – Delores Schuler Liturgist/Acolyte – Donna Fried
10:30 a.m.	Narthex – Terry Dworkin Roberts' Church Office – Doug Atno Elevator – Tom Bancroft Upper Narthex – Denise Fox Liturgist/Acolyte – Steve Lentz

# New Goshenhoppen Nursery School

## Open House

*Come meet the teachers and tour our school.*

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



Three Day Program for 4 & 5 Year Olds.  
Our students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>  
to participate in this PreK / Readiness Program.

Two Day Program for 3 & 4 Year Olds.  
Our students need to be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>  
and toilet trained to join this Socialization Program.

Toddler time—One Day Program for 2 Year Olds.  
This is a play-based group that meets 1 morning  
a week, from 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM.

### **Director – Beverly Benner**

1070 Church Road  
East Greenville, PA 18041  
215-679-2041

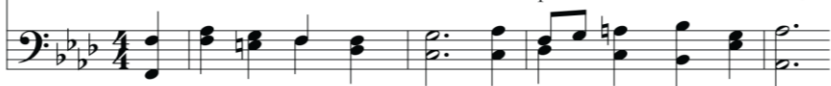


**\*\*Please note that registrations will be accepted  
at this time for the 2025-2026 school year.\*\***

## 49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.



## 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow-er and love as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.


*\*Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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## 450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.