**Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church**

**Order of Worship**

**Sep. 11, 2016**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting -** when invited, please stand and greet one another and then as music starts please take your seats to sing the response.

**Response: #399 God Welcomes All**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 105 - The Message)**

One: Thank God! Pray to him by name! Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

**All: Sing him songs, belt out hymns, translate his wonders into music!**

One: Honor his name with Hallelujahs, you who see God. Live a happy life!

**All: We will keep our eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.**

One: We will remember the world of wonders he has made, his miracles.

**All: Hallelujah!**

**\*Opening Hymn: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison) Father God, we confess that our lives are disconnected. We worship you here but find it difficult to see you at work in the rest of our lives. We wonder if how we live is important for your glory. We need your help to remember that your intent is to involve us as you answer the prayers of others. Thank you that you have called us from our own pursuits to follow where your Son, Jesus leads us every day.**…(silent confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Children’s Message**

**\*In Memory of 9-11 we will sing #340 This Is My Song**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn of Meditation #468 In My Life Lord Be Glorified**

**Sermon: Honing in on True Hospitality: Jesus: Guest, Host, or Stranger? John 1:1-5, 10-12; Luke 7:36-50**

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Apostle’s Creed Traditional Version (see card in pew)**

**\*Closing Hymn #295 God to the World!**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** **#543** **Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways; O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.**

**Beverly Hughes, Organist**

**Rev. Karen Greenawalt, Pastor**

**\*You are invited to stand**

**Announcements**

**Prayers:** Charles Linton, Amelia Sturm, Grace Weekley, Kenneth Corbin, Samantha Oester, Jim Butts, Kenda Butts, Leonard McDaniel, Norma Westbrook, Jane Lane, Janet and Bill Starr, Wayne Doyle Jr., the areas of WV and MD recovering from flooding, GPC, our pastor

**Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission is collecting paper goods** for September. Please place them in the round barrel next to the piano in the Lecture room.

**A Congregational Meeting has been called for today after worship for the purpose of electing members to a nominating committee.**

**Sunday School for adults began today!** at 9:45am in the Lecture room.The books *What Matters Most: How We Got the Point But Missed the Person* are available in the Lecture room**.** Sunday school will be provided for the children.

**Save the Date: September 24 Make ‘n Take Returns! From 10-1130am.** There are door hangers on the Lecture Room table. Invite a friend!

**Community Dinner Tuesday September 27, 2016.**

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