

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 14, 2016

PRAISE GOD LOVE PEOPLE PROCLAIM CHRIST PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

NURSERY: We welcome and encourage children to participate with their families in our gathered worship service. We also provide three separate nurseries upstairs staffed by loving volunteers: infant (0–1), 1- & 2-year-olds, and a 3-year-old room which also cares for children with special needs. Our 3-year-old nursery is also open to older children of our guests as needed.

LARGER PRINT BULLETINS and **HEARING AID DEVICES** are available as needed at the sound board in the back of the sanctuary.

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REFLECTIONS

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

–Psalm 29:1–2

The heart of most religions is good advice, good techniques, good programs, good ideas, and good support systems. These drive us deeper into ourselves, to find our inner light, inner goodness, inner voice, or inner resources.

Nothing new can be found inside of us. There is no inner rescuer deep in my soul; I just hear echoes of my own voice telling me all sorts of crazy things to numb my sense of fear, anxiety, and boredom, the origins of which I cannot truly identify.

But the heart of Christianity is Good News. It comes not as a task for us to fulfill, a mission for us to accomplish, a game plan for us to follow with the help of life coaches, but as a report that someone else has already fulfilled, accomplished, followed, and achieved everything for us..

–Michael Horton

Christianity is a religion built upon facts. Let us never lose sight of this. The first preachers did not go up and down the world, proclaiming an elaborate, artificial system of abstruse doctrines and deep principles. They made it their first business to tell men great plain facts. They went about telling a sin-laden world, that the Son of God had come down to earth, and lived for us, died for us, and risen again. The Gospel, at its first publication, was far more simple than many make it now. It was neither more nor less than the history of Christ.

–J.C. Ryle

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(The inclusion of quotes does not mean we endorse a person's entire theological outlook.)

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▲ Those who are willing and able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY: **All Creatures of Our God and King** Stanza 5

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true faith, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

▲HYMN: Behold Our God

————— **WE ARE SINNERS** —————

▲CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**O Savior of sinners,
Your name is excellent, your compassions unending and your mercies tender.
Yet in many things we have offended you and fallen short of your glory.
Pardon our iniquities, for they are great! We come in Jesus' blessed name,
pleading for you to impress his image upon our souls.
Make us hate whatever grieves your Spirit in us.
Assist us to shun a careless life
and to be gentle and patient with any who oppose us.
Raise us above merely existing for the smiles or frowns of this world.
May we regard it a light thing
to be unfavorably judged by anyone, save yourself.
Your approval is our great aim and your Word our unending guide.
For Christ's sake, amen.¹**

▲PERSONAL CONFESSION

JESUS RECONCILES US

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

1 John 1:8–2:2

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world..

Leader: Believer in Jesus Christ, you are free from the power of sin and death.

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN:

My Hope Is In The Lord

THE PEACE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you .

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

When I Survey

(Stanza 4)

Using your personal, numbered giving envelopes makes the recording process much easier for our volunteers. You may request a set of envelopes using the tear-off portion of this bulletin. These requests will not be taken as a commitment of any kind.

PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲ SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 14:1–11

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the

poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him”

SERMON: *A Beautiful Devotion to Jesus*

▲HYMN: **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

————— J E S U S S E N D S U S —————

THE LORD’S SUPPER

In keeping with Christ’s command we celebrate the Lord’s Supper today; this helps to keep our eyes firmly focused on Christ, who is our only hope. As redeemed sinners who are weak and needy, we need constantly to be reminded of the gospel, and the Lord’s Supper makes the gospel message visible and tangible to those who receive it by faith in Christ. It communicates to us afresh the cost of our sin and the glory of our salvation, nourishing us spiritually and reminding us that the death of Jesus assures us of God’s love for us as individuals, and binding us together in a new community, as we wait for the coming of our Lord.

The Lord’s Supper is a family meal for Christians. We invite to partake of this sacrament: all who receive and rest upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek the grace of the Holy Spirit to walk worthy of the gospel. Baptized children are welcome to share in this meal when they have been confirmed in their faith. If you are not able to partake of the Lord’s Supper, please use this time to meditate on the person and work of Christ displayed in this sacrament and one of the prayers on page 17.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD (gluten free)

HYMN (Stanza 1): **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

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HYMN (Stanzas 2–3): **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison)

Philippians 2:5–11

I believe in Jesus Christ,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

We thank you, Lord God,
for all the benefits you have given us In your Son Jesus Christ,
our most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother,
and for all the pains and insults he has borne for us;
and we pray that we may see Christ more clearly,
love him more dearly,
and follow him more nearly;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.²

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us prayerfully go forth as one body to praise God, love people, and
proclaim the risen Christ until He comes.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

————— J E S U S I S C O M I N G F O R U S —————

MINISTRY UPDATE

PLEASE PRAY for the **pastors** and **elders** of the churches in our presbytery as they meet this Saturday, February 20.

Our meeting with the leaders at **Florin Church of the Brethren** went well last Saturday. We have agreed to the terms of a one year lease and plan to move our gathered worship service to this new building and location on **Easter Sunday, March 27**. Our new service time will be 11am. We encourage you to consider joining Florin for their Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am followed by a breakfast at 7:30am (and perhaps consider volunteering to help serve this breakfast).

We encourage you to take advantage of an opportunity to see the facilities at Florin and meet some of their members. You are invited to their **FREE Community Breakfast, this Saturday, February 20, 9:30-10:30am**. Florin offers this free community breakfast the third Saturday of each month. The next free breakfast will be March 19. Reservations are not required, but are encouraged (call 652-1202).

BUDGET UPDATE: For last month we missed a Sunday because of snow and we had two one-time expenses that increased our expenditures (\$2,100 for Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (SVP)/missions and, more significantly, a little over \$2,000 for our annual property/facility insurance).

January 2016 Budget Update			
<u>Budgeted Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Net Surplus/Deficit</u>
\$ 23,541	\$ 21,785	\$ 23,091	(-\$ 1,306)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Immediately after the service all are invited to join us downstairs for light refreshments as we continue to welcome and get to know one another.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY with Pastor De Bruin **each Sunday at 4:30pm** prior to our gathered worship service. We pray in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

MEN'S PRAYER: 6:45AM Friday morning at the church office (81 E Main St, Mount Joy).

CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY meets this Thursday, **February 18, 6:30–7:30 pm** at Mount Joy Church of God. Classes provided: nursery (0–24 months), 2–3yr olds, 4yr–K, 1st–2nd grade, 3rd–5th grade, and 6th–12th grade. No adult class yet.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets this Thursday, **6:30–7:30pm**, at Mount Joy Church of God.

WOMEN'S RETREAT at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon, **March 11–13**. Women from Trinity PCA, Hershey PCA, and Proclamation PCA are invited for a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, and relaxation. Mary Beth McGreevy will explore the topic of **“Giving Encouragement to Refresh Hearts.”** Take advantage of the **Early Bird Discount** by submitting your registration by **February 14**. **Final registration** deadline is **February 28**. Contact Jody Kooiman for more information (717-756-7434 or jkooiman24@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: All are invited to join us **next Sunday, February 21**, for our monthly meal immediately following our evening service. We typically have these meals the third Sunday of each month and use an online sign up to coordinate the food and help for the meal. If you are unable to sign up online but want to bring food or help in some other way please contact Stephanie Kimble, sekimble@rocketmail.com or 419-9728 prior to Friday. We look forward to this fellowship next week and hope you can join us.

REFLECTIONS

Satan accuses Christians day and night. It is not just that he will work on our conscience to make us feel as dirty, guilty, defeated, destroyed, weak, and ugly as he possibly can; it is something worse: his entire play in the past is to accuse us before God day and night, bringing charges against us that we know we can never answer before the majesty of God's holiness.

What can we say in response? Will our defense be, 'Oh, I'm not that bad?' You will never beat Satan that way. Never. What you must say is, 'Satan, I'm even worse than you think, but God loves me anyway. He has accepted me because of the blood of the Lamb. –D.A. Carson,

Unbelievers see no glory in Christ. They see nothing attractive about him. They despise him in their hearts. Outwardly they cry, like Judas, "Hail, Master", but in their hearts they crucify him...

Make up your mind that to behold the glory of God by beholding the glory of Christ is the greatest privilege which is given to believers in this life.

Unless you value this as a priceless privilege, you will not enjoy it. . .

The light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ is the only good which will satisfy me and which I desire. –John Owen

Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet, I love Thee, and adore.
Oh, for grace to love Thee more!

–William Cowper

I have but one passion: it is He, He alone.

–Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer for Covenant Children Not Yet Confirmed

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me daily to trust in you alone for salvation, to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly, and to follow you more nearly. Amen.

Prayer for the Unconvinced or Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are and the necessity of what this sacrament represents. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*Prayer for Belief **

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you and your work displayed in this sacrament, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing the punishment for my sin on the cross and offering me complete forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and will come again, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling to Repent of Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may taste and see that you are good and there is no need to look elsewhere, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the one who loved me and gave himself for me, and is coming again. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

* (If you are saying *Prayer for Belief* for the first time today, please share with a member of Proclamation, a church leader up front, or let the pastor know.)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Last week's Q & A and passage for study/memorization:

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #58

- Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?
- A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself

Scripture: Exodus 31:13

“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.

This week's Q & A and passage for study/memorization:

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #59

- Q. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?
- A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Scripture: Acts 20:7

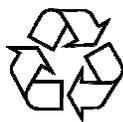
On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

PROCLAMATION MISSION STATEMENT

Prayerfully dependent on and empowered by the Spirit in all of life, we will: joyfully praise God; sacrificially love all people in deed and truth; and faithfully proclaim Christ, to the glory of God and for the good of our neighbors.

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1. Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*
2. Bishop Richard of Chichester, 1253



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MEMBERSHIP:

Write your name below if you would like to become a member of or transfer your membership to Proclamation Presbyterian Church:

NAME TAGS

Please write your first and last name as you would like it to appear on your nametag:

PRAYER REQUEST

I would like the prayer team to pray for the following need or concern:

I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern. Please have someone contact me at:

Daytime Evening

Phone: _____

COMMENTS

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Use the space below and place in the offering plate:

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WELCOME TO OUR
CHURCH COMMUNITY!

We are glad to have you with us today. Please complete this card and deposit in the offering plate, or give it to an usher or greeter.

Thank you.

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 I am visiting from another church:

Church

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