



Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 29, 2018

PRAISE GOD LOVE PEOPLE PROCLAIM CHRIST PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

NURSERY: We welcome and encourage all children to participate with their families in our gathered worship service. We also provide two separate nurseries staffed by loving volunteers. Infants (NB–24 Mos.) are in the nursery adjacent to the sanctuary lobby, and Toddlers (Ages 2–3) are downstairs in Room 107. This room 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

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.
–Hebrews 11:11–12

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
–Paul (Romans 4:16–25)

I’m thankful that God has given us his word. His word is true. He’s got a pretty good track record in keeping his promises.
–Carson Wentz

Has God made a promise to you? If he has, you may be sure he will keep it. You may waver, but he will not waver. You may disbelieve; he remains faithful. The day will come when you will laugh with joy at the fulfillment.
–James Boice

God's promised mercies will certainly come at the time which He sets, and that is the best time.
–Matthew Henry

What God says is reality because God's word rings reality into being.
–Ligon Duncan

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

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▲ We invite you to stand with us in body and/or spirit.

PRELUDE

Every Promise of Your Word

—Getty

WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY:

Come Thou Almighty King

Stanza 4

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you are the rock of our salvation. Let us come into your presence with thanksgiving and worship and bow down before you, the LORD our Maker. May your Spirit open our eyes to the glory of Jesus, that we might not harden our hearts, but receive the Word of God with meekness. In Jesus name, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.

**The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

**Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

————— WE ARE SINNERS —————

▲CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison) Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity
 And cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow!
Create in us clean hearts, O God
 And renew right spirits within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.
Then we will teach transgressors your ways,
 And sinners will return to you.
O LORD, open our lips and our mouths will declare your praises!
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus,
 Whose blood has washed us and made us clean,
 Now and forevermore,
 Amen.

▲PERSONAL CONFESSION

JESUS RECONCILES US

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

2 Timothy 2:8–13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD

Romans 15:5–7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN:

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Stanzas 1 & 4)

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PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲ SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 21

¹The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. ²And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh

over me.”⁷ And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

⁸ And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³ And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Let me not look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

²² At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, “God is with you in all that you do. ²³ Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned.” ²⁴ And Abraham said, “I will swear.”

²⁵ When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized, ²⁶ Abimelech said, “I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today.” ²⁷ So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. ²⁸ Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock apart. ²⁹ And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart?” ³⁰ He said, “These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well.” ³¹ Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. ³² So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines. ³³ Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. ³⁴ And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The LORD Did as He Had Promised

#22 in a Series: *Proclaiming Jesus in Genesis*

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲HYMN: Every Promise of Your Word

———— JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS SPIRIT ————

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 21.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

ALL: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD* AND THE CUP

You may partake of the bread individually up front or at your seat. Please hold the cup so we may all partake together.

**gluten-free*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;**
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* The word *catholic* with a lowercase *c* means “universal” and refers to the true Christian church of all times and all places throughout history, which belongs to Christ alone.

** This phrase does not mean that baptism has any power in itself to bring the forgiveness of sins. God forgives sins only on the basis of repentance and faith in Christ. Baptism is a sign and seal indicating that repentance and faith in Christ, and thus forgiveness of sins, has already happened or that it should happen (in the case of an infant baptism). The creed reminds us, not that baptism saves, but that the Christian gospel signified by baptism is the only gospel that truly saves.

▲ SONG OF THANKSGIVING:

Psalm 138

(Stanzas 1 & 4)

▲ SENDING

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME: following **Sunday School** and prior to gathered worship, all are invited for light refreshments in the gym, as we continue to welcome and get to know one another.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Series in the Book of Revelation with Andy Styer and elder Matt Henny co-teaching in the gym.

PRAYER COMMUNITY OF MOUNT JOY: All are invited to meet for prayer **this Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 pm** at St. Mark's UMC Aspire Community Center located at 45 E. Main Street. The Prayer Community of Mount Joy meets the **first Wednesday of each month** to pray for local churches, schools, homelessness, and other Mount Joy concerns.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH AND DIAPER DRIVE: Proclamation Women are invited for brunch this **Saturday, May 5, 9:30am** at Nikki Arnold's home (1403 Center Rd, Lancaster 17603). Please RSVP to Bonnie Craddock (bonnielcraddock@gmail.com) with your menu contribution. With Mother's Day approaching, we plan to have a **diaper drive for Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services**, a faith-based organization supporting expectant mothers and families in need. Please consider donating a box of diapers—all sizes welcome.

PROCLAMATION WARMLY INVITES you to attend our new **evening worship service**, meeting at Florin COB every 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month, 6:30–7:30 pm. Our first gathering will be Sunday, May 13. We hope you will take advantage of another opportunity to gather together for worship on the Lord's Day, to be encouraged and to enjoy the feast. (no nursery provided)

MOTHER'S DAY: Donate to Embracing Hope Ethiopia in honor of your mom this Mother's Day, and make a difference in another mom's life. Embracing Hope Ethiopia is a mission serving families and orphans in the Addis Ababa slum through Gospel-centered, holistic interventions. For more information and to donate, visit www.EmbracingHopeEthiopia.com/MothersDay2018.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY, APRIL 29

- 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Fellowship time in the gym until 10:45 am
- 10:40 am All are invited to pray with pastor Troy in the prayer room adjacent to the lobby
- 11:00 am Worship with Communion

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- 7–9 pm Men's basketball in the gym

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30 pm Prayer Community of Mount Joy at St. Mark's UMC Aspire Center, Main St.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Meeting at the church office (81 E. Main St, Mount Joy)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- 9:30 am Women's brunch and SVPS diaper drive at Nikki Arnolds home

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Fellowship time in the lobby outside the gym until 10:45 am
- 10:40 am All are invited to pray with pastor Troy in the prayer room adjacent to the lobby
- 11:00 am Worship with Communion

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 8, 7:30 pm: Women's Prayer Group at Florin
- May 13, 6:30–7:30 pm: Evening Worship (nursery not provided)
- May 16, 9:30 am: Women's Morning Bible Study at Bonnie Craddock's
- May 16, 6:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study and Youth Group (Grades 6–12) at Florin

COMMUNITY GROUPS meet semi-monthly on the **weeks *following* the first and third SUNDAYS of each month.** All members are encouraged to be involved in our geographically-based small group ministry. If you would like to participate in this small group ministry but do not yet have a group, contact Troy (debruin@proclamationpca.com or 717-203-9675).

YOUTH GROUP and WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES meet semi-monthly through the school year on the **Wednesdays *after* the 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS** of each month (alternating with community groups).

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.)

Treasuring God's Truth in Your Heart **(TGTYP)**

Scripture memorization plants God's truth in your heart, giving you nourishment for your soul, encouragement for your faith, and defense against temptation.

Previous week's memory verses:

1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit

This week's memory verse:

Psalms 84:10

*¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

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.

Head & Chief Shepherd of Proclamation:

JESUS CHRIST

Ministers of Proclamation:

EVERY MEMBER

Assistants, Servants, Equippers of the Ministers:

ELDERS:

Bill Arnold

Troy De Bruin (Pastor)

Tom Hartman

Matt Henny

John Schwab

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Ryan Davidson

Chris Hermansen

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Dick Meredith

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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.

Please print clearly

☐Mr. ☐Mrs. ☐Ms. ☐Miss ☐Dr.

Name

Email

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Email

Spouse's Cell Phone

Home Phone

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Children (names and ages):

How did you hear about Proclamation?

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a member of Proclamation
☐ I am a first-time guest at Proclamation
☐ I am a returning guest at Proclamation
☐ I am a guest from out of town
☐ I am visiting from another church:

Church

- ☐ I regularly attend Proclamation Church
☐ I have recently moved to the area
☐ I would like to receive email updates/prayer list

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Proclamation Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship with Communion 11 AM

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