

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 22, 2016

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

–Ephesians 1:3-14

Christ did not die for the good and beautiful... The hard thing is to die for the miserable and corrupt.

–Shūsaku Endō

It would be so refreshing to say to our unbelieving friends, “I really mess up sometimes, but let me tell you something really good: God is still quite fond of me. Wouldn’t it be great if you belonged to a God like that?” If we were that honest, the world would beat a path to our door. –Steve Brown

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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

GOD IS HOLY

▲ DOXOLOGY: **Come Thou Almighty King** (Stanza 4)

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior, and grant us your salvation. May we listen to what the Lord our God says: You promise peace to your people, who are your beloved saints. You, O Lord will indeed give what is good. Righteousness goes before you and prepares the way for your steps. May you make your holy face to shine upon us in this time of gathered worship. May we see your glory and know your peace as we worship you alone. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

And his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

————— **WE ARE SINNERS** —————

▲CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Responsive)

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said "you must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

▲PERSONAL CONFESSION

JESUS RECONCILES US

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Ephesians 2:12–14a; 19–22

...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN:

Before the Throne of God

THE PEACE OF GOD

Colossians 1:19–20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN:

Take My Life, And Let It Be

(Stanzas 4, 6)

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PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲ SCRIPTURE READING:

Ruth 4:18–22

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹ Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²² Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

SERMON:

The Scandalous Grace of the Redeemer

#7 in a Series on the Book of Ruth: *The Lord Redeems*

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲ HYMN: **To God Be the Glory**

————— **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 (Stanzas 1–3): **The Church's One Foundation**
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DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

HYMN (Stanzas 4–6): **The Church's One Foundation**

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison) *Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A: 1*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head**

without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Ephesians 1:11–14

Blessed are you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

You have destined and appointed us to live to the praise of your glory.
We have heard the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation.

For this we thank you, O Lord our God!
We bless you that having heard the gospel,
your Spirit has enabled us to believe it.

We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and guaranteed the inheritance of eternal life,
And this is to your eternal praise and glory.

Blessed are you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

To you we owe all life, all that we are, and all that we shall be.
Blessing and honor and glory be to you,
O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.¹

▲ 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 —————

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Immediately after the service all are invited to join us in the foyer 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 10:40am**, prior to our gathered worship service. We pray in the prayer room adjacent to the lobby.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues a 5-lesson study based on the movie *War Room*, **this Wednesday, May 25, 6:45pm** at Tina Nissly's home.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Due to Summer vacation schedules, we are in need of classroom **helpers and teacher substitutes** for the Summer Sunday School quarter. Specifically, we need a classroom **helper for our 4-year-old through Kindergarten class** for the entire summer quarter, and several **substitutes willing to fill in as either helpers or teachers**. If you are interested, please contact Andy Styer at 717-203-6179, astyer@proclamationpca.com.

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 #72

Q. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

Scripture: Ephesians 5:3-4

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #73

Q. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shall not steal.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:28

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

REFLECTIONS

The explanation for much that takes place in our lives lies well beyond our own lives, and may be hidden from us all through our lives. For God does not mean to touch only our lives by what he does in us; he has the lives of others in view - even those yet unborn.

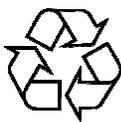
That is why life can seem so untidy for the people of God. He has not yet finished his business. There may be many loose ends. The tapestry is only partially complete. He has still much weaving to do in which he will bring these loose ends together, perhaps in someone else's life in the future - long after we are gone. God means to bring blessings and answers to prayer beyond anything we could ever ask or imagine - just as he did here. As Hebrews 11 makes clear, it is a mark of genuine faith to look beyond our own day to the time when God will fulfill his promises. -Sinclair Ferguson

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 *Leading in Prayer*, Hughes Oliphant Old



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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: _____

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