



Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 2015

PRAISE GOD LOVE PEOPLE PROCLAIM CHRIST PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A mission 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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Our pastoral intern, Andy Styer, will preach tonight.

Lord-willing, pastor Troy De Bruin will return to the pulpit next week.

REFLECTIONS

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 1:13–14

Here, however, the foul ungratefulness of men is disclosed. They have within themselves a workshop graced with God’s unnumbered works and, at the same time, a storehouse overflowing with inestimable riches. They ought, then, to break forth into praises of him but are actually puffed up and swollen with all the more pride. They feel in many wonderful ways that God works in them; they are also taught, by the very use of these things, what a great variety of gifts they possess from his liberality. They are compelled to know—whether they will or not—that these are the signs of divinity; yet they conceal them within. Indeed, there is no need to go outside themselves, provided they do not, by claiming for themselves what has been given them from heaven, bury in the earth that which enlightens their minds to see God clearly. –John Calvin

God takes away the world, that the heart may cleave more to Him in sincerity.-Thomas Watson

Afflictions are light when compared with what we really deserve. They are light when compared with the sufferings of the Lord Jesus. But perhaps their real lightness is best seen by comparing them with the weight of glory which is awaiting us. –A.W. Pink

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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** (Verse 5)

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Great God, we come before you as your people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, to worship and proclaim your holy name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit in this hour of worship. Free our minds from the distractions of life so that our thoughts, our affections, our praises, and our thanksgivings would be turned towards you. You alone are worthy to be praised! In the name of your Son Jesus Christ we pray, Amen .

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Psalm 22:22–24, 27–28

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

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: **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

————— **WE ARE SINNERS** —————

▲CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God,
May your Spirit speak in us that we may speak to you.
We have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for us.
We are undeserving, but we look to your tender mercy.
We are full of infirmities, wants, and sin; you are full of grace.
We confess our sin, our frequent sin, our willful sin.
Let us see our new Master and Lord, your Son, Jesus.
Turn our hearts towards holiness.
Help us in all our doing to put down sin and to humble our pride.
Save us from the love of the world and the pride of life,
and let Christ's nature be seen in us day by day.
And it is in name that we pray, Amen.¹**

▲PERSONAL CONFESSION

————— **JESUS RECONCILES US** —————

▲HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Psalm 103:11–13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Minister: Beloved, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲HYMN:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

————— JESUS SENDS US —————

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 10.

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*

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison) *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Ch. 2 “Of God”

**There is but one only living and true God,
Who is infinite in being and perfection
A most pure spirit,
Invisible, without body, parts, or passions*
Immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible,
Almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute
Working all things according to the counsel
of his own immutable and most righteous will,
For his own glory,
Most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,
abundant in goodness and truth,
Forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;
The rewarder of them that diligently seek him,
And withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin;
and who will by no means clear the guilty.****

* “without passions” does not mean God is without feelings or emotion. Rather, it means that nothing or no one can inflict pain, suffering, or distress on God in a way that sways him, influences him, or causes him to suffer unwillingly. God is not influenced by passions in the way that sinful human beings are.

** the final line of this month’s confession is not intended to take away from the hope that we have in Jesus. Rather, it is to reaffirm that apart from Christ, man stands guilty before God, and because God is perfectly just, he cannot and will not “clear the guilty”.

▲ SONG OF THANKSGIVING: **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ DISMISSAL

Minister: 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:

————— **JESUS IS COMING FOR US** —————

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: All are invited to join us **tonight** for our monthly fellowship meal immediately following the service. We typically have these meals the third Sunday of each month.

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

ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY with Andy Styer **this Sunday at 4:30pm** prior to our gathered worship service. We pray every week in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

LEADERSHIP/OFFICER TRAINING: Thursdays, 7–8:30pm at the Proclamation office. While only men nominated for office may have the opportunity for election to office, **all men** are invited to participate in this weekly training.

YOUTH GROUP: All youth in completed grades 6–12 are invited to a pool party, this Wednesday, July 22, 6–8pm at the Rogers homestead (3926 Marietta Ave., Columbia). Wear a **modest** swimsuit, bring your own towel and come with an appetite; BBQ supper provided. Please RSVP to Andy Styer (astyer@proclamationpca.com /203-6179) by Tuesday, July 21 if you plan to attend.

Youth summer study series on the Book of Galatians will continue next Wednesday, July 29, 6:30pm at the De Bruin homestead (745 Pinkerton Rd., Mount Joy). For more information contact Andy Styer (astyer@proclamationpca.com / 203-6179).

MEMBERSHIP AT PROCLAMATION: Lord willing, we will publicly receive members again **next Sunday, July 26**. Contact the church office if you are interested in becoming a member. We do not plan another opportunity to join until the fall.

LEADERSHIP AT PROCLAMATION: NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Officers (Elders and Deacons)

Below is the outline of the steps for nominating and electing our first elders and deacons at Proclamation. Any **member** of Proclamation may submit a name for nomination to the office of Elder or Deacon. Only **members** of Proclamation will be eligible to vote for the election of these officers. Being nominated for office is **no guarantee** of either being eligible for election to office or actually being elected to office.

1. **NOMINATION** (Nominations will be open from June 21 –July 26)

- Review the qualifications for office as set forth in Scripture (I Timothy 3 and Titus 1) and summarized in the Book of Church Order. (Lord willing, Troy will preach on these qualifications June 7 & 14). Visit the resources page of www.proclamationpca.com for related documents.
- Prayerfully consider whether there may indeed be a man who has exhibited the qualifications for a given office and thus should be nominated to serve.
- Fill out the nomination form to formally introduce a name (or names) into nomination for office. These forms are available in the gathering space and on our website.
Being nominated for office is no guarantee of election.

2. **TRAINING**

- All men at PPC are invited to participate in the ongoing training that has already begun.
- Session will confirm the nominations; Nominees will be asked if they accept the nomination.
- Nominees who accept the nomination will be required to participate in further training, which will consist of a number of meetings over a period of months to discuss the Biblical calling and qualifications for the respective offices and training for the same.
- During this period of time a nominee may remove himself from the training process and consideration for office as he deems necessary. Being nominated for office is no guarantee of election and it is no shame to remove oneself as needed.

3. **EXAMINATION**

- Nominees who complete the training will be **examined** by our Session. This exam will cover both doctrinal and practical considerations.
- Nominees **approved by our Session** to stand for election will be made public to the congregation, Lord willing, on September 20.

4. **ELECTION**

- A congregational meeting will then be called for the purpose of the **ELECTION** of officers. (Lord willing, October 18).
- Officers are elected by a simple majority. Only **members** of Proclamation may vote.
- Soon after the election a service of ordination and installation will be held. (Lord willing, November 1).

The importance of this process cannot be overemphasized inasmuch as the church officers are the Lord's tools for guiding and directing His people in this particular congregation. Let us, therefore, enter into this period **with prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit** and please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Session or pastoral staff if you have any questions.

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.)

REFLECTIONS (continued)

Beloved, do not be your own betrayers. Do not deceive your own hearts, nor set your hands to your own ruin by a willful blinding of yourselves. Set up a tribunal in your own breasts. Bring the Word and conscience together. 'To the law and to the testimony.' [Isaiah 8:20] Hear what the Word concludes of your state. Oh follow the search until you find how the case stands. Make a mistake here—and you perish! And, such is the treachery of the heart, the subtlety of the temper, and the deceitfulness of sin—all conspiring to flatter and deceive the poor soul; and so common and easy it is to make a mistake, that it is a thousand to one that you will be deceived, unless you are very careful and thorough and impartial in the inquiry into your spiritual condition. —Joseph Alleine

You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say. —Martin Luther

"How well I have learned that there is no fence to sit on between heaven and hell. There is a deep, wide gulf, a chasm, and in that chasm is no place for any man." —Johnny Cash

"You're gonna have to serve somebody. It may be the Devil, or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody." —Bob Dylan

"I stopped outside a church house where the citizens like to sit. They say they want the Kingdom, but they don't want God in it." —U2

When the Church performs her true task she does incidentally educate men and give them knowledge and information, she does bring them happiness, she does make them good and better than they were. But my point is that those are not her primary objectives. Her primary purpose is not any of these; it is rather to put man into the right relationship with God, to reconcile man to God. This really does need to be emphasized at the present time, because this, it seems to me, is the essence of the modern fallacy. It has come into the Church and it is influencing the thinking of many in the Church— this notion that the business of the Church is to make people happy, or to integrate their lives, or to relieve their circumstances and improve their conditions. My whole case is that to do that is just to palliate the symptoms, to give temporary ease, and that it does not get beyond that. —Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Westminster Shorter Catechism

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #28

Q. Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Scripture: Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #29

Q. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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*



If you do not want to keep your bulletin we welcome you to place it in our basket to be recycled following the service.

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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Children (names and ages):

How did you hear about Proclamation?

Check all that apply:

- I am a first-time guest at Proclamation
 I am a returning guest at Proclamation
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 I am visiting from another church:

Church

- I regularly attend Proclamation Church
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