

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 10, 2017

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

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

–Paul (1 Corinthians 10:31)

God is the only desirable good; nothing without him is worthy of our hearts. . . . The life, the glory, the blessedness, the soul-satisfying goodness that is in God are beyond all expression.

–John Bunyan

Apart from Christ let nothing dazzle you.

–St. Ignatius

I viewed the infinite excellency of God 'till my soul even broke with longings that He should be glorified.

–David Brainerd

If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.

–John Piper

Yet if your heart is being progressively captured by the awe of God, his work, his grace, and his kingdom ("things that are above"), you will see your church not just as a place you attend but as a major commitment of your life, and you will live with a ministry lifestyle in the place where God has put you. When awe of God has captured your heart, ministry will fill your schedule. You won't need the church to schedule ministry for you; you will approach work, marriage, parenting, extended family, friendships, and community with a ministry mentality. Awe of God will free you from thinking of your life as belonging to you and of ministry as temporarily offering pieces of your life to God that you will quickly take back as an episode of ministry ends. Awe means that you will look at everything in your life through the lens of God's existence and glory, and you will surrender all your life to his purpose, humbly recognizing that, when you do this, you are not offering what is yours to him but returning what he already owns back to him for his use.

–Paul Tripp, *Awe: Why it Matters For Everything We Think, Say, & Do*

(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

God Loves Us Still

–Nathan Rittenhouse

WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY

Gloria Patri

Stanza 4

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most Holy God, may you pour out your Spirit upon us that we may worship you alone. Show us our sin and grant us repentance. Show us your glory revealed in your Son and your Word and grant us faith. Revive us again, that we, your people, may rejoice in you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Psalm 29:1–2

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.

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:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

W E A R E S I N N E R S

▲ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

from Psalm 80

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead your people like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Do not be angry, Lord, but hear our prayer.
For we have sinned against you and done what is evil in your sight.
We have turned aside from your glory, and have walked in darkness,
preferring the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil,
to the light of your glorious truth.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Forgive us for our sins, through the blood of the righteous one, Jesus Christ,
and grant to us your Holy Spirit,
that we might more and more die unto sin, and live unto righteousness,
through him who loved us and gave himself for us,
even our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.**

▲ PERSONAL CONFESSION

————— **J E S U S R E C O N C I L E S U S** —————

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Romans 3:21–26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN:

How Rich a Treasure We Possess

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: **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** (Stanzas 1 & 4)

In addition to your regular offering, today we invite you to use the yellow-topped envelopes marked “Special Offering” to give toward those devastated by hurricane Harvey. Or you can donate online via MNA (Mission to North America):
<https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=6D781F3DFD8A428>

PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲ SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 48:9–11; Is. 43:6–7; Is. 26:8

Isaiah 48:9–11

⁹“For my name's sake I defer my anger;
for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you,
that I may not cut you off.

¹⁰Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

¹¹For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it,
for how should my name be profaned?
My glory I will not give to another.

Isaiah 43:6–7

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Isaiah 26:8

⁸In the path of your judgments,
O Lord, we wait for you;
your name and remembrance
are the desire of our soul.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Glory of God

#1 in a series: *Reset: Core Values* (see description on page 15)

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲ HYMN:

Behold Our God

————— **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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD (gluten free)

HYMN (Stanzas 1–3): How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

HYMN (Stanzas 4–6): How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison)

Nicene Creed

**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 117**

▲ 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

———— JESUS IS COMING FOR US ————

NEW SERMON SERIES

Today we begin a new sermon series, *Reset: Core Values*. This fall marks the second anniversary of Proclamation's organization as a particular church. While we are not a church plant anymore, we do want to always have and grow in the zeal, enthusiasm, love, purpose, and intentionality we had at the start. We are not starting this series in response to any specific problem, but because we have a lot of new people! Since our first gathered worship service on February 23, 2014, God has brought nearly 100 new people representing 40 families to Proclamation. We hope this series will unite our growing church family and renew our zeal as we revisit Proclamation's core values and explore from God's Word why we do what we do. We also hope it will provide clarity, direction, and opportunity for service for our members and ministries as we conclude the series with the reception of new members and a ministry fair.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Sept 10 The Glory of God
- Sept 17 The Son of God
- Sept 24 The Spirit of God
- Oct 1 The Word of God
- Oct 8 The Family of God
- Oct 15 The Gospel of God
- Oct 22 The Mission of God
- Oct 29 Proclamation's 2nd Anniversary / Receive New Members / Ministry Fair

PRELUDE

God Loves Us Still

Words and Music by Nathan Rittenhouse

Blind in sin we miss the light and death is all we choose,
Even then God loves us still and will always pursue.

Then God shows us all our sin and humbled now we fall,
At the feet of He who came to reign and save us all.

Here we see our sin laid, the lamb upon the tree,
Resurrected and alive Christ Jesus it was He.

Amazing is God's great love when we still lose our way,
Merciful He holds His wrath approach by grace we may.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES ON FEATURED REFORMERS

Reprinted from the cripplegate.com

Trust wholly in Christ; rely altogether on his sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by his righteousness.

JOHN WYCLIFFE (1320-1384) John Wycliffe is known as the first English reformer. He was a Priest in England when he began reading the Bible in Latin and saw how unbiblical Catholic doctrine had become. Meanwhile, the Pope had fled Rome for France and a rival Pope was elected—both of whom demanded the loyalty of all Christendom. Wycliffe refused, and encouraged others to do the same.

Wycliffe recognized that the most effective way to oppose error was with the Scriptures, so he began the first ever English translation of the Bible. For this, he was declared a heretic by the Popes and placed under house arrest. There he died, but not before his translation had sowed the seeds of truth that would impact England for generations.

Forty years after his death, the Church ordered his body exhumed and burned, then had his ashes dumped in the Swift River. But rather than stemming the Reformation, the truths that Wycliffe translated spread from England, across the sea, and into Europe, eventually resulting in what we call now the Protestant Reformation.

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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES! Look for the latest missionary updates in our weekly “Bulletin and Announcements” email. You can also pick up copies of recent missionary newsletters from our bulletin board located in the hallway by the main floor restrooms.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—The Attributes of God: Who Does God Say That He Is?

Misconceptions about God abound. But they don't have to. God has revealed His character in Scripture, illuminating the attributes that define Him. While we, being finite creatures, can never truly comprehend everything that God is, we should study what He Himself has said. In this video and discussion series, Dr. Steven Lawson articulates a biblical understanding of divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. Class meets in the gym.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- Toddlers class (Ages 2–3) with Phil Sirinides in Room 107
- 4 Year-Olds through Kindergarten with Joy Berkhouse & Heidi Styer in Room 108
- First and Second Grade class with Melody Hartman & Johanna Levi in Room 105
- Third through Fifth Grade class with Elder Bill Arnold & Molly De Bruin in Room 101
- **NEW!** Junior High class (Grades 6–8) with Andy Styer & rotating youth staff, Room 302
- Senior High class (Grades 9–12) with Andy Styer & rotating youth staff, Room 312

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need someone to team with Phil Sirinides as a **classroom helper and/or co-teacher in the Toddler class**. We also need additional volunteers who are willing to serve as **substitutes** when a Sunday School teacher or helper is absent. Please consider how you can serve our youngest members. Contact Andy Styer (astyer@proclamationpca.com / 717-203-6179).

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: All are invited to join us **next Sunday, September 17**, for our monthly meal immediately following our worship 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 Amy De Bruin, debruinamy@gmail.com or 717-431-5906 **prior to Friday**.

MEMBERSHIP AT PROCLAMATION: All are invited to learn more about Proclamation and what it means to be a member, **Sunday, September 17, 1:15-4:15pm** at Florin. Come freely with no obligation to join, but those who do attend this class and desire membership will be given the opportunity to become members of Proclamation. Use the tear-off portion of this bulletin or contact the church office to RSVP.

HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF: Today we invite you to use the yellow-topped envelopes marked “Special Offering” to give toward those devastated by hurricane Harvey. Or you can donate online via MNA (Mission to North America): <https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=6D781F3DFD8A428>

MISSIONS EVENING: Please join us on Wednesday, **September 13, 7pm** at Florin for a missions evening. We will be hearing from Embracing Hope, which ministers to children and families in Ethiopia. We hope you will come hear what God is doing in Africa through this wonderful ministry. RSVP to Rebekah Robinson (717-672-6277 / gregandrebekeh@hotmail.com) or Emily Sirinides (717-454-8149 / esirinides@gmail.com) and let them know if you would be willing to bring a dessert to share.

DOMESTIC ABUSE—Extending Redemption: Recognize, Respond & Rescue

All are invited for this one-day seminar, Saturday, September 30, 9am–3pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church (2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster). Keynote speaker, Darby Strickland, M. Div. is a graduate of Westminster Seminary and is an experienced counselor with the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation, Glenside, PA. Three workshops and a Q/A session will offer introductory information and preparation for ministry in this area of serious need. Cost is \$15 (includes lunch). Register online at www.westpca.com/domesticabuse.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets semi-monthly through the school year on the Wednesdays *after* the 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS of each month (alternating with community groups).

Two Separate Bible Studies are offered:

1. **MORNING Bible Study** kicks off next **Wednesday, September 13, 9:30–11am** at **Bonnie Craddock’s home** (1230 Kelley Dr., Lancaster) with Tim Keller’s book, *The Prodigal God*. Childcare available— please RSVP to Lori Meredith (lorimeredith@msn.com).
2. **EVENING Bible Study:** kicks off Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 pm at Tina Nissly’s home, (1244 Canterbury Dr.) with Joan Kelley facilitating study in the Book of Nehemiah.

WOMEN OF PROCLAMATION: The newly-forming Women’s Ministry would like to connect with you on upcoming events (bible study, fellowship times and more) and to pray for you as well! If willing, please fill out the tear off section of the bulletin with your name and email address.

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 (TGTYH)

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

Previous weeks' memory verses:

2 Corinthians 5:14–17

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

This week's memory verse:

2 Corinthians 5:19

¹⁹ That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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

Corey Kimble

Matt Henny

John Schwab

DEACONS:

Ryan Davidson

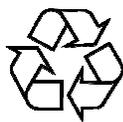
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1. Adapted from *Leading in Prayer*, Hughes Oliphant Old



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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:

Fold and detach along perforation.

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):

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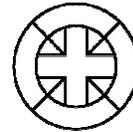
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- I am a member of Proclamation
- I am a first-time guest at Proclamation
- I am a returning guest at Proclamation
- I am a guest from out of town
- I am visiting from another church:

Church

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

September 10, 2017



Proclamation Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship with Communion 11 AM

MEETING AT:

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