

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 23, 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

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

—Galatians 5:1–6

Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 60

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Faith does not require our doing; it requires that we believe the promise of God and accept something from him. Therefore faith always justifies and makes alive; and yet it does not remain alone, that is idle. It does not remain idle or without love.

—Martin Luther

Faith is not the ground of our justification. The reason why we are justified is that Christ has fulfilled all righteousness, and has died an atoning death for our sins. We are declared righteous solely on the basis of Christ's death, whereby all our sins are imputed to Christ. He fully satisfied God's justice in the deed. God also credits the 'alien righteousness' of Christ to us. Faith is simply the hand that takes hold of the gift. Faith is not a work which earns merit.

—Philip Everson

Who we are in loving relationship with God is not determined by what we do; rather, what we do is determined by who we are.

—Bryan Chapell

(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

O Fount of Love

—Boswell/Papa

WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY: **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** (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 148

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in all the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and all birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him!

All: Praise the LORD!

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

▲ CALL TO CONFESSiON

Luke 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

▲ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSiON: (Unison)

**Awesome and compassionate God,
You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer. Amen.¹**

▲ PERSONAL CONFESSiON

JESUS RECONCILES US

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN:

O Fount of Love

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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN:

Speak, O Lord

(Stanzas 1 & 3)

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PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲SCRIPTURE READING:

James 2:14–26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

SERMON

Faith Without Works Is Dead, Part 2

#7 in a series on the Book of James: *He Gives More Grace*

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲HYMN:

All I Have Is Christ

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 9.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD (gluten free)

HYMN (Stanza 1–2): **And Can It Be**

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HYMN (Stanzas 3–5): **And Can It Be**

▲ 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:

Bishop Richard of Chichester, 1253

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 forever. Amen.

▲ 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:

JESUS IS COMING FOR US

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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME: will be relocated to the lobby outside the gym today. All are invited to join us immediately after the service for light refreshments as we continue to welcome and get to know one another.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

When the church attempts to function without all of its parts, the body of Christ becomes disabled. **Same Lake, Different Boat** is a transformational work—designed to renew our minds to think biblically about disability in order that our lives, our relationships, and our congregations might wholly reflect Christ. This study is not only about coming alongside individuals and families touched by disability, but also a call for the church to become an inclusive community for all people, a ‘hospital for sinners’, where justice, mercy, and grace set people free to become God’s true body.

We believe this material is so worthwhile and important that we encourage all adults to attend and Andy Styer will also be working through the same material with the youth (grades 6–12) in their Sunday school class.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets in the conference room at Florin, semi-monthly through the school year on the Wednesdays following the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (alternating with community groups).

Two Separate Bible Studies are offered:

1. **MORNING Bible Study** on the **Book of James**. Meets this Wednesday, 9:30–11am (Childcare available.) Please RSVP to Bethany Van Schoick (bethany.vanschoick@gmail.com) or Lori Meredith. (lorimeredith@msn.com), especially if you are bringing children.
2. **EVENING Bible Study** seeks to walk in God's plans with Laura Story's book, *When God Doesn't Fix it*. Meets this Wednesday 6:30pm Contact: Roxanne Robinson (htownrobinson@comcast.net).

MOUNT JOY FOURTH FRIDAY OUTREACH: This Friday, October 28, 5–8pm. One of Mount Joy's most active fourth Fridays provides a great opportunity to serve our immediate neighbors. We will give away **pulled pork sandwich meals** (generously donated) on the front lawn of Mount Joy Church of God and hope you can help us meet and greet people. Many people are needed to provide cookies, serve, and greet people. **Sign up online** or contact Amy De Bruin (debruinamy@gmail.com or 431-5906).

MISSIONS EVENING: Please join us Wednesday, November 16, 7pm at Greg and Rebekah Robinson's home (2125 Stonecrest Dr, Lancaster 17601) to meet missionaries who serve in a sensitive area . Please RSVP to Emily Sirinides (esirinides@gmail.com or 717.454-8149).

MEMBERSHIP AT PROCLAMATION: All are invited to learn more about Proclamation and what it means to be a member, **Sunday, November 20**, following the fellowship meal after worship. 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Community Groups Meet this Week.

TODAY, OCTOBER 23

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:00–9 pm Men's basketball in the gym

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 9:30 am Morning Women's Bible Study at Florin (child care provided)
- 6:30 pm Evening Women's Bible Study and Youth Group at Florin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:45 am Men's prayer meeting at the church office (81 E Main St, Mount Joy)
- 5–8 pm Fourth Friday in Mount Joy—Proclamation Pulled Pork BBQ Meal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- November 16, 7 pm: Missions Evening at Greg & Rebekah Robinson's
- November 18, 6:30–9 pm: Youth Movie Night
- November 20: New Members Class
- November 23, 7 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service
- December 25, 11 am: Lessons & Carols Service with Communion (No Sunday School)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #94

Q. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #95

Q. To whom is baptism administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Scripture: Genesis 17:7

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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.

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:

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

Daytime Evening

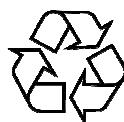
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COMMENTS

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

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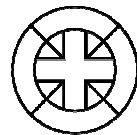
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- I am a member of Proclamation
- I am a first-time guest at Proclamation
- I am a returning guest at Proclamation
- I am a guest from out of town
- I am visiting from another church:

Church _____

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

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