

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 26, 2020

PRAISE GOD LOVE PEOPLE PROCLAIM CHRIST PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A congregation of the **Presbyterian Church in America**

Large-print worship guides are available on the table outside of the gym.

Further notices and announcements can be found on page 15.

Reflections can be found on page 14.

Thank you for joining us for gathered worship today. We hope you all receive a safe and warm greeting. If you are a **guest** we invite you to text or email our Director of Connections and Administration, Molly De Bruin, at 717-203-0657 or dca@proclamationpca.com to let us know you were here.

Safety Measures we are taking to reduce risk:

- If you are not feeling well, are sick in any way, have a fever or cough or any symptoms, please stay home.
- Please cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and wash your hands.
- We encourage masks be worn, especially as you enter and exit the building, while not seated. Those who speak from the pulpit will not wear masks as they do so. The first row of seats will be well over six feet from the pulpit.
- Masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, and touchless trash cans are available. One restroom for women and one for men will be open.
- Please maintain six feet of distance at all times, both outside and inside the building.
- Chairs will be set up in rows with ample space between rows front to back. More than one household may share a row, leaving three empty seats between them side to side.
- Trays will not be passed for the Lord's Supper or for the Offering.
- To reduce the amount of singing and length of service we will not sing our normal offering or communion hymns.

Saints over 65 or with underlying at risk health conditions are encouraged to weigh the health risk this virus poses to them in particular. The CDC guidelines encourage you to stay home for now. If you choose to join us, we welcome you and offer you the following extra precautions:

- You are encouraged to sit in the designated area in the back, arriving as close to 10:30 am as possible to minimize your time in the larger gathering space.
- You will be given the opportunity to be dismissed first at the end of the service.

Parents, please keep a close watch on your children and be mindful and respectful of others, particularly those in this higher risk area.

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



PRELUDE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Most Holy God, may you pour out your Spirit upon us that we may worship you alone through your Son Jesus. Open our eyes to behold your glory that we may delight in you and be one as you are one with the Son and the Spirit. Make your name known to us that your love may be in us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1, 6, 8–9, 20–22

LEADER Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

PEOPLE **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

**Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.**

For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

**Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

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.**

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his
 2. The suf - f'ring one he has not spurned, who un - to him for
 3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple
 4. For all the meek you will pro - vide, they shall be fed and
 5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand now in
 help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered
 · songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship
 sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er -
 shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

awe be - fore his face, stand now in awe be - fore his face.
 his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.
 · you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.
 end - ing praise - es give, and nev - er - end - ing praise - es give.
 works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

The Psalter, 1912
 alt.

PARK STREET L.M.rep.
 Frederick M. A. Venua, c. 1810
 arr.

————— WE HAVE SINNED —————

▲ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Worship

PEOPLE **Almighty God,**
who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,
now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

▲ PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

————— JESUS RECONCILES US —————

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Galatians 4:4–7

LEADER But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the King,
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: he the per - fect Son of Man,
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of life;

he the theme of heav - en's prais - es robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
 but no grave could e'er re - strain him, praise the Lord, he is a - live!

In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come;
 See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man;
 See the price of our re - demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wav - er - ing our hope:

look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in him we stand.
 bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
 Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when he comes.

MINISTER for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

OFFERING

For now, we will not pass plates to collect the offering. If you are led to worship God through giving, you can:

Place your offering in a plate on one of the tables on your way out today, or:

Give online at www.proclamationpca.com/give, or:

Mail your offering to:
Proclamation PCA
PO BOX 526
Mount Joy, PA, 17552

We also invite our guests to fill out a Welcome Card, found on the tables in the back, and place it in the plate before you leave.

▲ SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1–18

READER **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **The Word Became Flesh**

First in a series on John's Gospel

PASTORAL PRAYER

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found: he is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh: full-ness of God in help - less babe;
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay: light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 this gift of love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 then burst-ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 from life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease;
 'Til on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

my com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am his, and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 'til he re-turms or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

— 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

You may partake of the bread individually. Please hold the cup so we may all partake together.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

PEOPLE **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

▲ THANKSGIVING

ad. Genevan Psalter, 1542

PEOPLE **Heavenly Father, we give you immortal praise and thanks,
that upon us you have conferred so great a benefit,
as to bring us into the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
whom having delivered up to death for us,
you have given for our food and nourishment unto eternal life.
Now, also, grant us grace,
that we may never be unmindful of these things;
but rather carrying them about engraved upon our hearts,
may advance and grow in that faith
that is effectual unto every good work.
Thus, may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to your glory
and the edification of our neighbors: Through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns in the unity of the Godhead,
world without end.
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.*

▲ SENDING

MINISTER 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.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

▲ BENEDICTION

———— JESUS IS COMING FOR US ————

▲ POSTLUDE

REFLECTIONS

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
— 2 Corinthians 8:9

The mystery of the incarnation is unfathomable. We cannot explain it; we can only formulate it. Perhaps it has never been formulated better than in the words of the Athanasian Creed. “Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man...perfect God, and perfect man...who although He be God and man: yet He is not two, but one Christ; one, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the manhood into God.” Our minds cannot get beyond this. What we see in the manger is, in Charles Wesley’s words,

*Our God contracted to a span;
Incomprehensibly made man.*

Incomprehensibly. We shall be wise to remember this, to shun speculation and contentedly to adore.

— J. I. Packer.

Announcements

Nominations for the church officers (deacons and elders) are open through Sunday, September 13. More information about the nomination process can be found on pages 17 and 18.

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to various parks and members' homes for a time of fun and fellowship on Mondays throughout the summer from 9:00–11:00 a.m. This week's location is **Westview Park, 650 School Lane, Mount Joy**. If you have any questions please contact **Chrissy Casella** at (717) 215–5281 or chrissy.casella@gmail.com.

A **combined Sunday School class** (children, youth, and adults) is planned for the month of August. The class, titled *God's People*, will meet in rooms 17 & 18 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We plan to record the classes and to upload audio recordings to the website each week. Please join us as we learn from the lives of these Christians from church history:

8/2 – Adoniram Judson

8/9 – John Calvin

8/16 – John Wycliffe

8/23 – Augustine

8/30 – John Newton

For now, we will not offer refreshments during the fellowship time in between Sunday school and Gathered worship. Children are welcome to play on the playground, and we encourage people to fellowship outside.

June 2020 Budget Update			
Budgeted Offerings	Actual Offerings	Actual Expenses	Net Surplus/Deficit
\$30,749.17	\$38,994.10	\$30,558.48	\$8,243.72
Year-to-Date Budget Update			
Budgeted Offerings	Actual Offerings	Actual Expenses	Net Surplus/Deficit
\$184,495.02	\$198,481.00	\$170,149.23	\$28,331.77

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JULY 26

10:30 A.M. Gathered worship service with communion

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 A.M. Summer Park Play date at Westview Park

7:00 P.M. DAC Softball League game at Armstrong in Marietta

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

6:30 P.M. Youth group at Rapho Park in Mount Joy

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:00 P.M. DAC Softball League game at Armstrong in Marietta

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 A.M. Combined Sunday School class

10:30 A.M. Gathered worship service with communion

Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Officers

Below is the outline of the steps for nominating and electing elders and deacons at Proclamation. Only **members** of Proclamation may nominate or vote for the election of Elders or Deacons. Being nominated for office is no guarantee of either being eligible for election to office or actually being elected to office. **Sunday, September 13** is the deadline for nominations.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Review the qualifications for office as set forth in Scripture (I Timothy 3 and Titus 1) and summarized in the Book of Church Order. Visit the resources page of **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 on the table outside of the gym and on our website.

THE TRAINING OF MEMBERS

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. It is no shame to remove oneself as needed.

THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

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 prior to our annual congregational meeting.

NOMINATION continued to the following page

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The **election** of officers will occur at our congregational meeting.

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 as needed.

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**. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Session or pastoral staff if you have any questions.

Current Officers	
<p style="text-align: center;">Deacons</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020</p> <p>Ryan Davidson (second term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2021</p> <p>Dick Meredith (second term) Ed Gehman (first term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2022</p> <p>David Crow (first term) Jeremy Kiehl (first term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">not active: Chris Hermansen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elders</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020</p> <p>Tom Hartman (second term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2021</p> <p>John Schwab (second term) Bill Arnold (second term) Scott Lichtenwalner (first term)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">not active: Matthew Henny</p>

HEAD & CHIEF SHEPHERD OF PROCLAMATION
Jesus Christ

MINISTERS OF PROCLAMATION
Every Member

ASSISTANTS, SERVANTS, AND EQUIPPERS OF THE MINISTERS

ELDERS

Troy De Bruin, Pastor(717) 203-9675
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John Schwab(717) 599-4587

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MINISTRY TEAMS

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Maggie Crow(704) 650-0839

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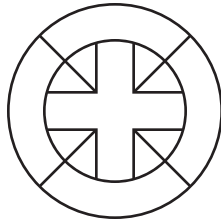
Matt & Jenn Irvine — Serge, United Kingdom

Jeb & Gail Bland — Mission to North America, First Nations

Ron Zeigler — Mission to North America, Minister to the State Capitol of Pennsylvania

Bible Orphan Ministry, Ukraine

Justin Kleiner — Fellowship of Christian Athletes



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Worship with Communion 10:30 A.M.

MEETING AT

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HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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.*