

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 20, 2016

PRAISE GOD LOVE PEOPLE PROCLAIM CHRIST PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

A 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.

Announcements continued on page 15.

Our pastoral intern, Andy Styer, will preach tonight.

REFLECTIONS

For ours sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. –2 Corinthians 5:21

Show me the enormity of my guilt by the crown of thorns, the pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries. Thy blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demands such a price.

–The Valley of Vision (Puritan Prayers)

When the devil throws our sins up to us and declares that we deserve death and hell, we ought to speak thus: “I admit that I deserve death and hell. What of it? Does this mean that I shall be sentenced to eternal damnation? By no means. For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction in my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Where he is, there shall I be also.

–Martin Luther

God requires nothing of us (which we had all the reason in the world to expect that he would) to make atonement or satisfaction for our sins, that might compensate the injuries we have done him by our apostasy and rebellion; for whereas we had multiplied sins against him, lived in an enmity and opposition to him, and had contracted insupportable and immeasurable debts upon our own souls, terms of peace being now proposed, who could think but that the first thing required of us would be, that we should make some kind of satisfaction to divine justice for all our enormous and heinous provocations? But quite otherwise; in the gospel there is declared and tendered unto sinners an absolute free pardon of all their sins, without any satisfaction or compensation made or to be made on their part, that is, by themselves,—namely, on the account of the atonement made for them by Jesus Christ. And all attempts or endeavours after works or duties of obedience in any respect satisfactory to God for sin or meritorious of pardon do subvert and overthrow the whole gospel.

–John Owen

Conscience in every man must tell him that God is just, and, as a necessary consequence, that God must punish sin. Then comes the question,—How can God be just, and yet the justifier of the ungodly? The answer is,—There is redemption in Christ Jesus. God is ‘just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.’ Believers are ‘now justified by his blood.’ In Jesus, God’s justice is vindicated to the very utmost, and yet his mercy shines forth in all its glory. The religion which denies the doctrine of the atonement is not of God, and never can succeed. –Charles Spurgeon

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▲ Those who are willing and able, please stand.

PRELUDE

Multiplied

–Needtobreathe

Molly De Bruin, piano Nathan Rittenhouse, guitar
(Lyrics on Page 18)

WELCOME

G O D I S H O L Y

▲ DOXOLOGY:

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Stanza 5

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true faith, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

**for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory!**

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:

Psalm 100

————— **WE ARE SINNERS** —————

▲CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**Heavenly Father,
we thank you for matchless love bestowed on us
when Jesus was despised, rejected and crucified.
Now we pray that where any portion of our hearts are stony,
you will melt them with Calvary love.
Wherever our minds are locked shut, let your Spirit apply the master key.
Let us daily reckon our old nature to be dead;
may we never feed it as a living thing.
Strengthen us for unseen battles ahead.
Give us courage for all the trials and grace for all the joys.
Take us to our Savior's Cross and leave us there.
For Jesus' sake, Amen.**

▲ PERSONAL CONFESSION

————— JESUS RECONCILES US —————

▲ HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN:

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

THE PEACE OF GOD

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN:

We Give Thee But Thine Own

(Stanzas 1–2)

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PRAYERS FOR HEARERS / MINISTRY OF THE WORD

▲ SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 15:21–47

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save

himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

SERMON:

A Perfect Substitute

#43 in a Series on the Gospel of Mark

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲HYMN:

The Power of the Cross

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 14.

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)

**We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.**

**Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.**

**Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,**

and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,

He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.

He took our filthy rags
and gave us

His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.¹

▲ SONG OF THANKSGIVING: **The Gospel Song**

▲ 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** —————

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.)

MINISTRY UPDATE

WE ARE MOVING! Today is our last Sunday meeting here at Mount Joy Church of God. We begin meeting at **Florin Church of the Brethren** (815 Bruce Ave, Mount Joy) **Easter Sunday, March 27, at 11am.**

Florin has extended an invitation to us to see the building and join them for:

- **Maundy Thursday Love Feast, March 24, 7–8:30pm.** Foot washing and communion service along with a meal. Reservations are helpful (653-1202).
- **Easter Sunrise service (6:30am) & breakfast (7:30am).**
- **Meet & Greet on Easter Sunday, 10:15–11am.** An informal fellowship time on our first Sunday to meet the hospitable people from Florin as they have offered to answer questions and show us around the building.

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.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY with Pastor De Bruin **each Sunday at 4:30pm** prior to our gathered worship service. We pray in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

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

COMMUNITY GROUPS meet this week (alternating weeks with our discipleship ministry). If you would like to participate in this small group ministry but do not yet have a group please contact Troy (203-9675 or debruin@proclamationpca.com).

Westminster Shorter Catechism

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #63

Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God has given you.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A #64

Q. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:17

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Multiplied is a song that displays how the band Needtobreathe was feeling at a rough time in their lives.

"The first line from my favorite hymn sings these words: 'The Love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.' If we spent the rest of our life singing Hallelujahs, it still wouldn't amount to what God truly deserves," says band member Bo Rinehart.

"I need God, even in worship, to help make what little I have to offer worthy of him. This song is a prayer. 'May this offering stretch across the skies and these Hallelujahs be multiplied.'

Your love is
Like radiant diamonds
Bursting inside us
We cannot contain
Your love will
Surely come find us
Like blazing wildfires
Singing your name

God of mercy
Sweet love of mine
I have surrendered to your design
may this offering stretch across the sky
And these hallelujahs be multiplied.

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. The Ligonier Statement of Christology



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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please help us estimate attendance for an adult Sunday School class by indicating your intentions below:

I/we plan to attend Sunday School

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____

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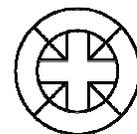
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- I am a returning guest at Proclamation
- I am a guest from out of town
- I am visiting from another church:

Church

- I regularly attend Proclamation Church
- I have recently moved to the area
- Please include me in the directory
- I would like to receive email updates/prayer list
- Please do not add me to any mailing lists
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