

Proclamation

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 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

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

–Jesus (John 5:39–40)

What ground shall our faith have if we leave the word of God?

–Thomas Cooper

If we want to see the Spirit of God at work, we must proclaim the word of God.

–Tim Chester & Steve Timmis, Total Church

Westminster Confession of Faith, CHAPTER 1, Of the Holy Scripture

1. Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which makes the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A: 2, 89, 90

2. Q: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

89. Q: How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

90. Q: How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A: That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

(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

WELCOME

————— **G O D I S H O L Y** —————

▲ DOXOLOGY: **Holy, Holy, Holy!** (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 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

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: **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

————— **W E A R E S I N N E R S** —————

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

Deuteronomy 8:1–3

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

▲ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Gracious God,

**you have given us the law of Moses
and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.**

You offer us your Holy Spirit

so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death

have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure.

Be merciful to us and forgive our sin.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,

that we may receive your bountiful blessings through your son Jesus.

In his name we pray, Amen.¹

▲ 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 5:9–11

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

THE PEACE OF GOD

Ephesians 4:32

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
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:

Matthew 4:1–4

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Word of God

#4 in a series: *Reset: Core Values* (see description on page 17)

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲ HYMN:

O Word of God Incarnate

————— **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 1–2): **In Christ Alone**

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HYMN (Stanzas 3–4): **In Christ Alone**

▲ **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.**

▲ **SONG OF THANKSGIVING: I Hear the Words of Love**

▲ **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** —————

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.

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

WOMEN'S BRUNCH: Proclamation Women are invited for brunch **this Saturday, October 7, 9:30am** at Lori Meredith's home (111 Suncrest Rd, Lancaster). Please RSVP to Bonnie Craddock (bonnielcraddock@gmail.com) with your menu contribution. We plan to have a Women's Brunch on the first Saturday every month. If you are able and willing to host, please let Bonnie know.

PRAYER COMMUNITY OF MOUNT JOY: All are invited to meet for prayer **this Wednesday, October 4, 6:30pm** at St. Mark's UMC Ministry Center on Main Street. The Prayer Community of Mount Joy meets the **first Wednesday of each month** to pray for local churches, schools, homelessness, and other Mount Joy concerns.

MOUNT JOY FOURTH FRIDAY OUTREACH: One of Mount Joy's most active fourth Fridays provides a great opportunity to serve our immediate neighbors. **Friday, October 27, 5–8pm**, 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 contribute food items and serve in various ways. Sign up online or contact Amy De Bruin (debruinamy@gmail.com / 717-431-5906).

WEEKLY CHURCH EMAIL: If you do not yet receive our weekly *Bulletin and Announcements* email and would like to subscribe, please contact the church office (office@proclamationpca.com) to be added to the list. Our weekly email includes links for online sign ups and event registrations, audio/video links to introduce newer hymns and songs, updates from our supported missionaries, as well as alerts for weather-related cancellations.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Community Groups meet this week.

TODAY, OCTOBER 1

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7–9 pm Men's basketball in the gym

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 6:30 pm Prayer Community of Mount Joy at St. Mark's UMC Ministry Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:45 am Men's prayer meeting at the church office (81 E. Main St, Mount Joy)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 9:30 am Women's Brunch at Lori Meredith's home.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

UPCOMING DATES:

- October 27, 5–8pm: Fourth Friday Pork BBQ meal in downtown Mount Joy
- October 29: Proclamation New Members Reception and Ministry Fair at Florin
- November 17–19: Youth (Grades 6–12) Fall Retreat (details forthcoming)

COMMUNITY GROUPS meet semi-monthly on the *weeks following* the first and third **SUNDAYS** of each month. All members are encouraged to be involved in our geographically-based small group ministry. If you would like to participate in this small group ministry but do not yet have a group, contact Troy (debruin@proclamationpca.com or 717-203-9675).

YOUTH GROUP and **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** meet semi-monthly through the school year on the **Wednesdays after** the 2nd and 4th **SUNDAYS** of each month (alternating with community groups).

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES ON FEATURED REFORMERS

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“To scatter Roman darkness by Scripture’s light, the loss of land and life I will reckon slight.”

William Tyndale (1494–1536) is known as the Apostle of England. A linguistic genius—he was proficient in at least eight languages—he made it his life’s goal to translate the Bible from its original languages into English, a feat never before accomplished. Forbidden from this task by both king and Church, Tyndale fled England at age 30 to live the rest of his life as an outlaw.

He first hid in Germany where he sat under Luther’s preaching and studied the newly completed German Bible. When Tyndale started his translation, he needed a city with a printing press, a paper mill, only loose Catholic control, and along a river so he could export his work back to England. He settled on Worms, where Luther stood trial a decade earlier. When Tyndale was run out of Worms, he fled to Antwerp. There shippers smuggled his Bibles into England, where they were sold from the docks, all against the King’s direct orders.

Eventually, Tyndale’s operation was infiltrated by an English spy. He was betrayed, kidnapped, and spent five-hundred days in a Brussels dungeon where he nearly froze to death. He was then paraded through town, formally excommunicated, and hung to death by a chain as he was hoisted onto a wooden cross. His body was then covered in gun powder and the cross was lit on fire, causing his corpse to explode.

His last words were “Lord, open the king of England’s eyes.”

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 5:14–21

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. 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. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This week's memory verse:

2 Corinthians 6:1

¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

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

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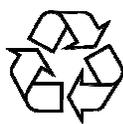
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NAME TAGS

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

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Spouse

Spouse's Email

Spouse's Cell Phone

Home Phone

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Children (names and ages):

How did you hear about Proclamation?

Check all that apply:

- 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

October 1, 2017



Proclamation Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship with Communion 11 AM

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