



MEADOWCROFT

Presbyterian Church



Luke 7:1-10
“Amazed by Faith”

Worship Bulletin – May 19, 2024

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude: “Across the Lands”

Welcome

Verse Recitation: 1st and 2nd Grade classes

Call to Worship* - (responsive) – *1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

Leader: For consider your calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

Congregation: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

Leader: God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are.

Congregation: So that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Song: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” *

Prayer of Invocation*

Song: “Salvation Belongs to Our God” *

Song: “Christ Our Wisdom” *

Confession of Sin

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness – *Colossians 2:13-14*

Confession of Faith (corporate)

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song: “Behold Him” *

Pastoral Prayer

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Children ages 3 – 5 years old may go to Children’s Church at this time.
3-year-olds will go to room 203 and 4&5-year-olds will go to room 201.*

Scripture – Luke 7:1-10 (*Pew Bible Page: 863*)

Sermon – “*Amazed by Faith*”

– **Rev. Max Benfer**

Song: “By Faith” *

Benediction: Ephesians 3:17-19

Silence for Reflection and Preparation: *Please spend the next few moments silently reflecting on this morning’s service. When the music resumes, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the main hall.*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Across the Lands

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1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan;
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout You rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave,

Ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand.
And ex-changed the joy of Heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
And as-cend-ed in-to Heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in Your way.

All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of Your voice.
With a prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea;
Now You stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for Your own;

Let the skies de-clare Your glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice.
Yet how si-lent-ly You suf-ered, that the guilt-y may go free.
From each tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home.

You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, You're the Lord of ev-'ry

man, and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Words and Music by
Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

♩ = 80

VERSE

A² E/G# F#m¹¹ A/E D A/C#



1. Sal - va - tion be - longs — to our God, Who sits up - on the
(2. And) we the re - deemed — shall be strong in pur - pose and

4 D E/G# A E/G# F#m¹¹ A/E D A/C#



throne, — and un - to — the Lamb; — Praise and glo - ry, —
un - i - ty, de - clar - ing a - loud; — Praise and glo - ry, —

8 D A/C# F#m⁷ G D/F# E^{SUS} E



wis - dom and thanks, hon - our — and pow - er — and strength —
wis - dom and thanks, hon - our — and pow - er — and strength —

§ **CHORUS**

11 A E/A D F#m E A E/A



be to our God for - ev - er — and ev - er; Be to our God for -

14 D F#m E A E/A D F#m E



-ev - er — and ev - er, be to our God for ev - er — and ev - er, a -

17 A E/A 1. 3 D/F# E/G# 2. F#m⁷ D/E D.C.



- men! ————— 2. And

CHRIST OUR WISDOM

Words and Music by Jon Althoff, Bob Kauffman, and Nathan Stiff

♩ = 75

B^b/D E^b B^b/F E^b B^b **VERSE**

1. Christ our wis - dom, we are
2. Christ our wis - dom, be our
3. Christ our wis - dom, we will

6 E^b B^b

hum - bled when You hide Your ways from us; You have pur - pos - es un -
 glad - ness when we fail to un - der - stand; You or - dain all joy and
 fol - low though the way a - head is veiled; as we jour - ney through the

10 F⁷sus B^b E^b

num - bered, each one good and glo - ri - ous. Help us trust when we grow
 sad - ness to ful - fill Your per - fect plan. Help us know You rule with
 shad - ows, grant us faith where sight has failed. Help us cling to Your com -

14 F Gm E^b B^b/D

wea - ry, free us from our anx - ious thoughts; give us grace to see more
 pow - er o - ver ev - ery rag - ing flood; in our most un - cer - tain
 mand - ments, strength - ened by Your faith - ful Word; we will nev - er be a -

18 E^b F⁷sus 1.2. B^b/D E^b

clear - ly; You are God, and we are not.
 hour, You are God, and we are loved.
 ban - doned; You are God, and we are

22 B^b/F E^b 3. B^b C/E F C/G F/A

2. Christ our
3. Christ our

4. Christ our

Yours.

VERSE 4

29 C F/C

wis - dom, we a - dore You for the beau - ty of the cross; once in

33 Am C/G F G C

fool - ish - ness we scorned You, but Your blood has ran-somed us. Help us

37 F G Am F

sing the end-less mer - cies of Your hum - ble heart to save; Christ our

41 C/E F G7sus C

wis - dom, Christ our glo - ry, You are God, for - ev - er praised. Help us

TAG

45 F G Am F

sing the end-less mer - cies of Your hum - ble heart to save; Christ our

49 C/E F G7sus C

wis - dom, Christ our glo - ry, You are God, for - ev - er praised.

Behold Him

(based on the recording by Paul Baloche)

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche and Mitch Wong

♩ = 53 VERSE 1

C

C/F



1. He who was be - fore there was light, walked a - cross the pag - es of

5 C/G

F

C



time. He who made ev - ry liv - ing thing, be - hold Him. He who

10 C/F

C/G



heard hu - man - i - ty's cry, left His throne to wake as a child. He be - came like the least of

CHORUS 1

15 F

C

F²



us. Be - hold Him. Je - sus, Son of God, Mes - si - ah, the Lamb, the roar - ing

21 G⁽⁴⁾

F²

TURNAROUND

C



Li - on. _ Oh, be still and be - hold Him.

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VERSE 2

27 C/F

C

C/F



2. He who dined with sin-ners and saints, healed the

32 G^{sus}F²

blind, the lost and the lame, e-ven now He is in our midst. Be-hold Him.

37 C/G

F²/A

C/E



He who chose a cri-mi-nal's end, paid with blood to set-tle our debt, bur-ied

CHORUS 2

42 F²

C

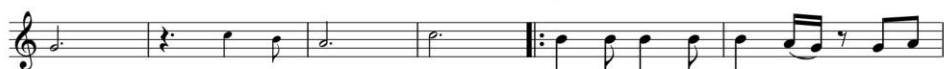
death as He rose to life, be-hold Him. Je-sus, Son of God, Mes-
Je-sus, Al-pha and O-47 F²G⁽⁴⁾4th time to Coda Φ
F²-si-ah, the Lamb, the roar-ing Li-on. — Oh, be still and be-hold Him.
-me-ga, our God the ris-en Sav-ior. — Oh, be still and be-hold Him.

INSTRUMENTAL

53 G⁽⁴⁾F²

C

BRIDGE

G⁽⁴⁾

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly — is the

59 F^2 C $G^{(4)}$

Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy,

62 F^2 1. C (repeat as desired) 2. C D.S. al Coda

wor - thy — to re - ceive all praise. praise.

66 Coda ENDING C F^2

- hold Him. Be -

70 C/G F^2

-hold Him.

By Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

For by it the men of old gained approval. Hebrews 11:1-2



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre-
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth, with the power of His
3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day when the longed-for Mes-
4. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the
5. By faith this moun-tain shall be moved, and the power of the



a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove His
prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly cit - y built by
si - ah would ap - pear, with the power to break the chains of
Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap - tives and to
gos - pel shall pre - vail; for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
sin and death and rise tri - um-phiant from the grave.
preach good news in eve - ry cor - ner of the earth.
pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.



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We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise; we will

fix our eyes on Him, our souls' re - ward; till the race is fin-ished

and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

-TODAY-

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024

Time: After the service

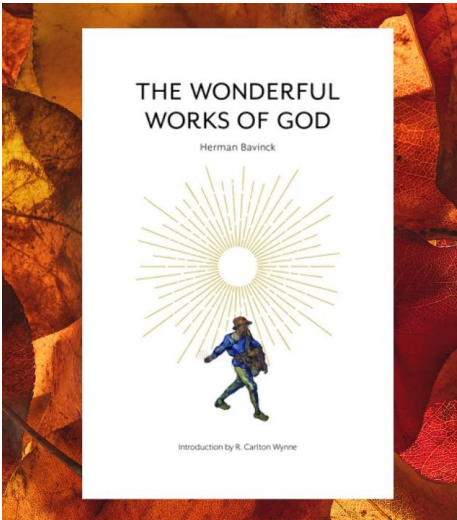
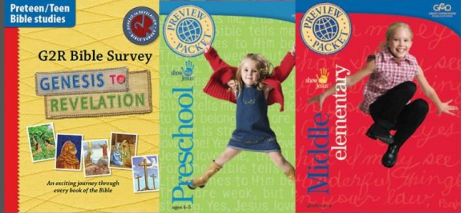
Place: Adult Sunday School Classroom

~Lunch Will Be Provided!~

*Please RSVP to Dave Tyson
davesuetyson1@verizon.net by 5/15/24*



Teach your children about Jesus



Sunday, 5/19

Theology Group

In Person at the Benfers' or on Zoom

- Meet at the Benfers' at 1:00 pm- lunch will be provided
- 2:00 pm start (for those on zoom)
- Led by Max

The group is reading *The Wonderful Works of God* by Herman Bavinck - Chapter 18- "The Work of Christ in His Exaltation"

(Contact Heather John for the Zoom link and other details hvarughese@gmail.com)

You can also contact Max or Michelle with any questions





Everyone Is Invited To A:
Potluck Get-Together

After the Service

Sunday, June 9th

At the home of Susan Elshahed
105 Round Hill Rd-Kennet Square, PA
(Parking: please park in front of the house &
please pull up fully on the grass)

Please Bring A Favorite Side Dish or
Dessert To Share

*Tacos and Fixings will be
provided*

RSVPs to Susan at (selshahed@comcast.net
or 484-886-5656 - Texting Preferred)



All men 21 and over are invited to a...

Beef & Beer

Thursday, June 13, 2024

6:00 pm

(rain date: Thursday, June 20th)

Dave Lane's House
402 Falcon Lane, West Chester

All food provided

Bring a favorite beer to share
(if you want)

RSVP by Sunday, June 9th to
mpcadminteam@gmail.com
or via the sign-up sheet in the lobby



Taking A Summer Break!

Last Scheduled Dates Until Fall

May 19th

- Sunday School
- Children's Church
- Youth Group

May 23rd

- Men's Tues. Morning Bible Study



SERMON NOTES

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (5/19)

9:30 AM Sunday School (last Sunday School until fall)
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Sunday School Teachers Meeting (room 216)
2:00 PM Theology Group-(1:00 lunch at Benfers'/2:00 start time)

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Men's Morning Study (Panera) (last study until fall)
6:45 PM Small Group at the Lanes'

SUNDAY (5/26)

9:30 AM No Sunday School until Fall
10:30 AM Worship Service (Lord's Supper)

Meadowcroft Missionaries

Campus Outreach (Washington, DC) – Alex & Stevie Chen

Cru (WCU/CruPress) – Jesse & Hannah Madera

Cru/Impact (WCU) – Jon & Amanda Ruch

Cru – Danielle Wilson

DiscipleMakers (Penn State) – Michael Usilton

Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship – Shibu Oommen

MTW (France) – James & Jacki Gildard

MTW (France) – Hugh & Martine Wessel

MTW (France) – Joshua & Charline Jacobs

Pioneers – Cindy Montgomery

Spectrum Ministries (Tijuana) - Carlos & Robin Oliveros

Wycliffe – Tom & Margie Rafetto

A Word to Our Guests:

We are glad you are here! We invite you to stop by our visitor table for more information about our church, and would love if you filled out a visitor card (*in seat back in front of you*) and drop it in the offering box in the lobby.

We have a nursery for children up to and including 3 years old in rooms 206 & 208 (*down the first hallway by the main entrance*). Our nursery is staffed by volunteers with security clearances on file. Children are also welcome in the service. There is a nursing mothers' room available immediately to the left of the main entrance.

Gifts to MPC can be placed in the offering box located in the lobby or made securely online at <https://meadowcroftchurch.org/give>.

Restrooms are located down the first hallway by the main entrance.

Meadowcroft Groups & Bible Studies:

Sunday:

-*Theology Group* – Meets once a month – contact Max Benfer (mbenfer@meadowcroftchurch.org)

-*Youth Group* – Meets twice a month (Sept-May) – contact Matt Kim (mattkim7@gmail.com)

Monday:

-*Small Group @ the Rendells'* – 2nd and 4th Monday – contact Jeff Rendell (jeff@meadowcroftchurch.org)

Tuesday:

-*Men's Morning Bible Study* – Panera Bread in West Chester – Contact Max Benfer (mbenfer@meadowcroftchurch.org)

-*Women's Morning Bible Study* – Winter/Spring Session & Fall Session – contact Janet Lombardo (harp2janet@yahoo.com)

-*Small Group at the Lanes'* – 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday – contact Dave Lane (shinnyusa.lane@gmail.com)

Wednesday:

-*Women's Evening (ZOOM) Bible Study* – Winter/Spring Session & Fall Session – contact Janet Lombardo (harp2janet@yahoo.com)

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