

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)**

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### **Moments of Meditation**

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.”

Psalm 148:1

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

arr. Blake

### **Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:1-4

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Shine Thou upon Us, Lord*

No. 411

Shine Thou upon us, Lord, true light of men, today,  
and through the written Word Thy very self display,  
that so from hearts which burn with gazing on Thy face,  
Thy little ones may learn the wonders of Thy grace.

Breathe Thou upon us, Lord, Thy Spirit's living flame,  
that so with one accord our lips may tell Thy name.  
Give Thou the hearing ear, fix Thou the wand'ring thought,  
that those we teach may hear the great things Thou hast wrought.

Speak Thou for us, O Lord, in all we say of Thee:  
according to Thy Word let all our teaching be,  
that so Thy lambs may know their own true Shepherd's voice,  
where'er He leads them go, and in His love rejoice.

Live Thou within us, Lord; Thy mind and will be ours;  
be Thou belov'd, adored, and served with all our pow'rs,  
that so our lives may teach Thy children what Thou art,  
and plead, by more than speech, for Thee with ev'ry heart.

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Scripture Reading**

**Congregation on bold print**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 27

(Hymnal page 793)

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

**Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;

**He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

**at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

**My heart says of you, “Seek His face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper.

**Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

**Teach me Your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

**I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

No. 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!)  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Tithes and Offering**

### *Open My Eyes*

arr. Hughes

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

**\*Chorus of Preparation**

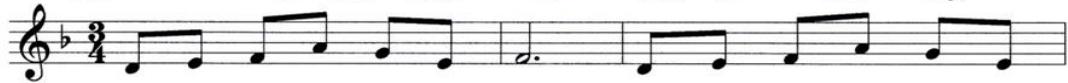
*In the Cross Alone I Glory*



1. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, re - cog - ni - tion lay - ing  
 2. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, ev - er reach - ing for the  
 3. In the cross a - lone I glo - ry, hold - ing fast the word of  
 4. Nev - er will I seek the glo - ry that was nev - er meant for



down. Great - est treas - ures count as worth - less  
 prize. Press - ing on and lay - ing hold of  
 life. Toil - ing not in vain, but be - ing  
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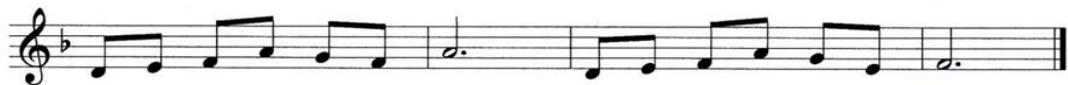
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 that for which my Sav - ior died, that for which my Sav - ior  
 poured out as a sac - ri - fice, poured out as a sac - ri -  
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crowns. \_\_\_\_\_ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing  
 died. \_\_\_\_\_ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry Noth - ing  
 fice. \_\_\_\_\_ In the cross al - lone I glo - ry, Noth - ing  
 ceive. \_\_\_\_\_ In the cross a - lone I glo - ry; Noth - ing



of my own to give. On - ly that which Christ has of - fered  
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for my soul that I may live\_\_ for my soul that I may live.  
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\*\*Parents of 3 year olds through Kindergarten may bring their children to Children's Bible Time in the Blue Classroom for the duration of the service.

Sermon Outline:

1. The darkness of the night

2. The vessels of the light

3. The nature of the light

**\*Hymn of Response**

*The Beatitudes*

No. 527

Blest are the humble souls that see their emptiness and poverty;  
treasures of grace to them are giv'n, and crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Blest are the men of broken heart, who mourn for sin with inward smart;  
the blood of Christ divinely flows, a healing balm for all their woes.

Blest are the meek, who stand afar from rage and passion, noise and war;  
God will secure their happy state, and plead their cause against the great.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, hunger and long for righteousness;  
they shall be well supplied and fed, with living streams and living bread.

Blest are the men whose hearts do move and melt with sympathy and love;  
from Christ the Lord shall they obtain like sympathy and love again.

Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean from the defiling pow'rs of sin;  
with endless pleasure they shall see a God of spotless purity.

Blest are the men of peaceful life, who quench the coals of growing strife;  
they shall be called the heirs of bliss, the sons of God, the God of peace.

Blest are the suff'ers who partake of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;  
their souls shall triumph in the Lord, glory and joy are their reward.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Postlude**

*Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord*

arr. Burkhardt

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Organ**

**Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer:**

Sandy DeGroot  
Nelson Schoon, Elder

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 9/09</b>	8:45 AM	Light Breakfast before Sunday School
	9:15 AM	First week of Sunday School Beginning of <i>Gospel-Shaped Living</i> Program High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>TUES 9/11</b>	6:30 PM	Deacons' Meeting
<b>WED 9/12</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>THURS 9/13</b>	6:30 PM	Building Expansion Committee Meeting
<b>SUN 9/16</b>	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting

## Announcements

☞ **Prayer Meeting Tonight:** Prayer meeting will be held tonight at 6 pm. Come spend an hour in prayer to our Lord. Childcare will be provided.

☞ **Sunday School:** Sunday School for all ages begins today with a light breakfast taking the place of Opening Exercises. Adult and High School Sunday School will meet together in the sanctuary for a program called *Gospel-Shaped Living*, led by Bruce Hrivnak, Bryan O'Neal, and Bruce Stoltzfus. A class list for child and youth classes is on the table in the narthex.

☞ **All Members and Regular Attendees:** Please pick up your copy of the *Gospel-Shaped Living* handbook. One handbook was ordered for each member and regular attendee. If you don't attend the Sunday School class or a Care Group, the daily devotions are excellent as are the weekly Bible studies. The Session ordered enough for everyone because we all want and need to grow in our faith and walk with the Lord.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** Please sign up today in the foyer for one of two times being offered this fall. The ladies' Bible study will have its first meeting this Wednesday, September 12. Two times will be offered this year. One Bible study will be at 9:30 am and the second at 11:00 am. At 11:00 am there will be a shared prayer time with both groups. After the prayer time the second Bible study will start and meet in the large nursery to include young children with their mothers. The first seven week will be a time to discuss the daily devotions from the *Gospel Shaped Living* that the whole church will be studying. If you have questions, please talk to Valerie Lash or Denise O'Neal.

☞ **Care Groups:** Elder care groups are forming to begin in September. The Session is again planning a fairly intensive church growth program for this fall with a focus on *Gospel Shaped Living*. This program will have the entire church involved in a teaching (Sunday School), Bible study (care groups) and daily devotional program with coordinated Sunday sermons, as we did last fall. The care groups will set up times to try to meet every other week during the 7-week program. Whether you have been in one previously or not, the elders would like to see every member be a part of one of these care groups. New sign-up sheets for various care groups are available in the narthex. Last year's participants have been included. If you wish to join or change groups, or if you wish to remain in the same group, please indicate this. If you have been in the same group for several years, you might find this to be a good time to get to know other people in the church by changing groups. Please see one of the elders with questions.

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the office of elder and deacon. There are openings for each office. Bruce Hrivnak (elder) and Jerry DeGroot (deacon) must rotate off, as they are completing their second consecutive 3-year terms. Bob Elder (elder) must also be replaced as he moved out of the area. Nelson Schoon (elder) and Jason Lash and Jim Martin (deacons) are completing the end of their first terms and are eligible for reelection. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

## Serving the Lord

	<i>9/09</i>	<i>9/16</i>	<i>9/23</i>
S.S. Nursery	J. Marshall	L. Hrivnak	B. Schoon
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Emily S.	Y. Lindborg, Sara M.	L. Hrivnak, Chrissa M.
Greeters	Lauer	O'Neal	Hale
Bring Treats	Schoon	Lash	J. Rogers
Server & Clean-Up	Schoon	Lash	R. Kern
Children's Bible Time	L. Hrivnak, N. Tregunna	B. Stoltzfus, Emily S.	N. Schoon, Cordie A.
	U.1, S.9 Naaman	U.1, S.10 Esther	U.1, S.11 Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
Audio	L. Marshall	B. Armstrong / Jim	Jackson G.
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Vanderstar	DeGroot	Martin

### Offering

<b>Last 4 weeks 08/12/18 – 09/02/18</b>	<b>Year to Date 01/01/18 – 09/02/18</b>	
	Offering	Budget
\$9,469	\$102,617	\$117,082 (\$14,465)

### Building Fund

<b>Last 4 Weeks 08/12/18 – 09/02/18</b>	<b>Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 09/02/18</b>
\$0	\$535,500