

December 30th, 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.

“He will be our guide even to the end.”

Psalm 48:14

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Kellner

Call to Worship

Psalm 48

***Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

No. 44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:17-38
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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: The

remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Matthew 9:13

² “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

No. 472

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r:
He is able, He is able, He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
without money, without money, without money,
come to Jesus Christ and buy; come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous, not the righteous -
sinners Jesus came to call; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;
this He gives you, this He gives you, this He gives you;
'tis the Spirit's rising beam; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good; can do helpless sinners good.

New City Catechism Question # 16

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law – resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Brunner

***Hymn of Preparation**

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

No. 402

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'ns morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Sermon

A New Thing

Isaiah 43:16-21

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***Hymn of Response**

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***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**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Baldrige

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

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Organ
Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SUN 12/30 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| SUN 1/06 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service & The Lord's Supper |

Important Upcoming Events

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| WED 1/30 | 6:30 PM | Annual Corporation Meeting |
| THURS 2/07 | 6:30 PM | Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class |
| SAT 2/09 | 6:30 PM | Annual Variety Show |
| SUN 2/24 | 6:00 PM | Carry-in dinner with missionary Tracy Dager |

Serving the Lord

| | <i>12/30</i> | <i>1/06</i> | <i>1/13</i> |
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| S.S. Nursery | No S.S. | J. Marshall | B. Schoon |
| AM Nursery | L. Martin, Chrissa M. | J. Rogers, Grace V. | C. Tuitman, Alanna T. |
| Greeters | Jackson G. | Lindborg | DeGroot |
| Bring Treats | Farewell Cake | Lash | O'Neal |
| Server & Clean-Up | Farewell Cake | Lash | O'Neal |
| Audio | L. Marshall | J. Martin | B. Armstrong |
| Elder of the Week | Stoltzfus | Yon | Schoon |



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 st | Katherine Rehbein | 3 rd | Jackson Greene | 8 th | Becky Schoon |
| 9 th | Chris Martel | 9 th | Jeff Wiseman | 10 th | Jonathan Vanderstar |
| 13 th | Mildred Harreld | 20 th | Cordelia Armstrong | 27 th | Mary Ann Pals |
| 29 th | Robbin Kern | 30 th | Jessica Marshall | | |
| 15 th | Glenn & Emily Katayama | | | | |

Announcements

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next week Sunday morning. Walter Lorenz, Pastor at Large of the Great Lakes Presbytery, will be our interim pastor while we search for a new pastor. Bryan O'Neal will also be preaching during the months of January and February.

☞ **Sunday School Classes:** Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6.

☞ **Transportation Needed:** Please communicate with Bruce or Melissa Stoltzfus if you are available to transport Jimmy and Lidia Trujillo to their cleaning jobs in January and February. Please consider helping them until Jimmy gets his driver's license sometime in February.

☞ **You Are Invited:** Jackson Greene will be receiving his Boy Scout Eagle Award at a ceremony at First Christian Church (across the street from Valplayso) this Saturday, January 5, at 11 am. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall afterward.

☞ **\$5,000 Matching Gifts:** If you desire to give above your normal monthly gift, please write "Matching Gift" in the memo of your check going toward these two \$5,000 matching gifts or include a note with your cash gifts. If you have questions, please see one of the deacons.

☞ **The Annual Corporation Meeting:** This annual meeting will be held Wednesday, January 30, at 6:30 pm. The 2019 budget will be presented and voted on. You will receive a budget booklet within the next few weeks. All members should plan to attend this important meeting.