

October 6th, 2019

*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.

“Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 85:8-9

Speak, O Lord

arr. Leonard

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 90:1-2

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 302

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 11:23-29
Pew Bible Page 1805

Prayer of Confession

Great God of Heaven, all Your promises in Christ Jesus are yes and amen. All Your eternal decrees will be fulfilled. You have spoken them, and they shall be done. Yet we have often doubted them, and at times we have lived as if there were no God. Forgive us. Forgive us when we find something apart from You and when we choose to live life outside of Your eternal presence. Help us more and more to see the futility in our sinful patterns and draw us close when we wander. We thank You for the pursuing and relentless love of Jesus Christ that sought us out and seeks us out. It is a love that we do not deserve, yet You continue to give it to us time and time again. Forgive us we pray, in Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 90:12-17

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. ¹³ Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

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.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism # 3

What do the scriptures principally teach?

The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Vandall

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, song of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Sermon Shoulder to Shoulder: Gospel Partnership in Philippi Philippians 1:19-26
Pew Bible Page 1826

Outline

1. Life
 - a. What does it mean to live for Christ?
 - i. Linked

 - ii. Living for...

 - iii. Becoming Like him:

2. Death

a. How does Paul describe death?

b. What do we gain in death as Christians?

1.

2.

3.

c. What do we lose?

1.

2.

3.

Week 3: Shoulder to Shoulder: Gospel Partnership in Philippi (Philippians 1:19-26)

Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 9:1-3 for insight into Paul's concern for unbelievers. Then read Matthew 9:36-38. How was Jesus affected by the sight of the multitudes? What did he teach his disciples on this occasion?
2. How could Paul regard death as better than life in this world? Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
3. It is easy to quote Romans 8:28 without thinking. Maybe share an instance or two where you have seen the outworking of this truth in your life.
4. How would Philippians 1:21 help you counsel a friend or family member with a serious illness? How does Paul's teaching here help you, personally, to prepare for 1) the future? 2) for death?

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer,
grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

***Hymn of Response**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

***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**

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Leonard

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

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Piano

Denise O'Neal

Piano Duet

Grayden Lash and Denise O'Neal

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

Serving the Lord

	10/06	10/13	10/20
AM Nursery	V. Lash, Grayden L.	B. Hrivnak, Emily S.	L. Martin, Grace M.
Greeters	Lauer	Lindborg	Stechly
Communion Helper	Emily S.	-----	-----
Treats	Hrivnak	Schoon	J. Rogers
Serve/Cleanup	Hrivnak	Schoon	Lindborg
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Lindborg	Stoltzfus

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 10/6	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper
MON 10/07	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
TUES 10/08	1:00 PM	PM Care Group
WED 10/09	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
SUN 10/13	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Installation Service of Pastor Andrew Gretzinger

Important Upcoming Events

SAT 10/19	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUN 10/20	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting – Missions Focus
SAT 10/26	11:00 AM	Apple Cider Activity (all church event)

Announcements

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **Pastor Andrew's Contact Information:** You can contact Pastor Andrew at the church office, on his cell phone at 260-330-8142 or by email at andrew.gretzinger@goodshepherdpcanet.net.

☞ **Guest Pastor Next Sunday AM Worship:** Our guest pastor next Sunday morning is Rev. Christopher Brock. Chris and his wife Donnette serve as missionaries to France with MTW. They have three children, Avonlea, Oliver, Evangeline, and a fourth on the way. They are returning to France this November. They have been friends with the Gretzingers since 2005 where they both were members at Sovereign Grace PCA in Charlotte, NC.

☞ **Installation Service of our Pastor next Sunday, October 13 at 4 pm:** Next Sunday will be a day to celebrate – remembering what God has done for us and looking forward to what He will continue to do in His faithfulness to the congregation of Good Shepherd. We will be hosting a commission of Presbytery who will install teaching elder Andrew Gretzinger as our pastor in a special installation service. It will include a sermon by Pastor Andrew's friend, Mr. Gordon Lyons from Northern Ireland, a charge to the pastor by another longtime friend, Rev. Christopher Brock who served with Pastor Andrew at Sovereign Grace PCA in Charlotte, NC, and a charge to the congregation. Pastor Walter Lorenz will preside. Afterward we will have refreshments for members and guests. Please plan on joining us in praising God and celebrating this joyous occasion. You are welcome to invite friends.

☞ **Reception after Installation Service:** The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee will be serving refreshments after the Installation Service on October 13. If you are willing to help set up and take down after this time of fellowship, please contact Sharon Lauer. Call or text (219) 617-5010.

☞ **Care Groups:** Care Groups are starting again in October. The first meeting of each of the four groups will be as follows:

- Monday, October 7, 6 pm at Hrivnaks' house
- Tuesday, October 8, 1 pm at church building
- Saturday, October 19, 6 pm at church building (Stoltzfus group)
- Sunday, October 20, after worship at Schoons' house

☞ **Men's Bible Study:** We will begin meeting two Saturday's a month, 8:00-9:15 am for a time of study, fellowship, and growing together in the Lord. All men (young and old) are invited. The first meeting is Saturday, October 19. We will be using the book *The Masculine Mandate* by Richard Phillips. Please sign up today for a book on the sign-up list on the table in the Narthex.

☞ **Apple Cider Activity:** The Stoltzfus Care Group is planning an all-church event for Saturday, October 26. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Jason and Valerie Lash can borrow their families' cider press and we would purchase apples from a local orchard to make fresh apple cider. With 18 bushels of apples we could make 54 gallons of cider! That is enough for everyone involved to take home several gallons of cider! Please save your plastic containers (quart, half gallon and gallon sizes). This would be an "all afternoon" activity with plenty of jobs to do for a variety of abilities. More details to follow.

☞ **MARS Fall Evening Class:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the Fall Evening Class featuring Dr. Marcus Mininger. He will be speaking on "The Formation and Basis of the New Testament Canon: Why the Church Recognizes Just These 27 Books and No Others." The class will meet on Thursdays October 10, 17, 31 and November 7 at 7:30 pm. Registration is free. The class can also be viewed remotely by online streaming. Register online at www.midamerica.edu.

☞ **Special Gift for RUF:** Reformed University Fellowship is celebrating their tenth anniversary of ministry at Purdue on October 11. Yon and Alice Lindborg would like to show support for Curtis McDaniel's ministry by contributing a special financial gift. If there is anyone who would like to do the same, please designate your gift and give it to the Deacons. This gift will be presented to Curtis, from GSPC, at the anniversary celebration on October 11.

☞ **Youth Bible Study:** We will be having a call out meeting for a Youth Bible Study (ages Middle School and up) on Saturday, November 2 from 5-7 pm at the Gretzinger's house (2607 Shannon Drive, Valpo). Anyone with children in or around this age or looking to help out is encouraged to come. Childcare will be provided. Ask Pastor Andrew if you have any questions.

☞ **Divine Hope's Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser:** Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary's fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI. Registration begins at 8:30 am eastern time with a 9:30 am eastern time start. Cost is \$125 per person per shells, 14 stations, and lunch. For more details, visit Divinehope.net.

☞ **Our Missionary Family, the McAuleys:** Please see the newsletter sent recently by Luke and Amanda McAuley who serve in Kenya. It is posted in the display case in the back of the sanctuary. One story Luke writes about is how he and Amanda went to a school and were surprised that 50 kids needed wheelchairs. They had no idea how to fill this overwhelming need. Luke writes, "God had a little laugh at me! He responded through a visiting Occupational Therapist who contacted her family, and within the space of a week had raised a significant amount more than what we needed to provide all 50 wheelchairs to these children! Not only did God provide the funds, but He made a break in our schedule that allowed our team to go to [this school]." Luke, Amanda, and their five children will be on home assignment (HMA) back in the states starting December 4. They will be traveling to visit their supporters for the 8 months of their HMA. As their sending church, we will want to do all we can to make their time in the United States a good one. More information will follow as the date of their return approaches.