

February 24th, 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.

“We bow down and we worship You Lord.

King of all kings You will be.

You are King of creation and King of the heavens before there was time.

And King of all kings You will be.”

Songwriter: Twila Paris

We Bow Down / Holy, Holy Holy

arr. Tornquist

Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6 & Psalm 100:4-5

Vocal Solo Call to Worship

We Have Come to Worship the Lord

by Horton

We have come to worship the Lord;

We have come to worship the Lord.

Bow down before Him.

Love and adore Him;

We have come to worship the Lord.

Enter in, into the Holy Place;

Enter in and look upon His face.

He is worthy; He is holy; He is wonderful.

Enter in.

***Hymn of Praise**

Thy God Reigneth!

No. 69 vs. 1, 2, & 5



Trem - bling soul, be - set ___ by ___ fears, "Thy God reign-eth!"
Sin - ful soul, thy debt is ___ paid, "Thy God reign-eth!"
Church of Christ, a - wake, a - wake! "Thy God reign-eth!"



Look a - bove and dry thy ___ tears: "Thy God reign-eth!"
On the Lord, thy sins were laid, "Thy God reign-eth!"
For - ward, then, fresh cour - age take: "Thy God reign-eth!"



Though thy foes with pow're as - sail, naught a - gainst thee shall pre-vail;
On the cross of Cal - va - ry, Je - sus shed His blood for thee,
Soon, de - scend - ing from ___ His throne. He shall claim thee for ___ His own;



trust in Him, He'll nev - er ___ fail: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"
from all sin to set ___ thee free: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"
sin shall then be o - ver - thrown: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-18
Pew Bible Page 559

Prayer of Confession

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of heaven and earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. You freely pardon all who repent and turn to You. Fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Romans 8:12-16

¹² Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation, but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

*Chorus of Thanksgiving

Abba Father

Ab - ba Fa - ther, let me be Yours and Yours a - lone. _____

May my will for - ev - er be ev - er - more Your own. _____

Nev - er let my heart grow cold, nev - er, let me go, _____

Ab - ba Fa - ther, let me be Yours and Yours a - lone. _____

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New City Catechism Question # 24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation** *I Am So Glad That Our Father in Heaven* No. 191 vs. 1 & 2

I am so glad that our Father in heav'n tells of His love in the book He has giv'n:
wonderful things in the Bible I see: this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me:

I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget Him and wander away, still He does love me wherever I stray;
back to His dear loving arms do I flee, when I remember that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me:

I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves even me.

Sermon

Grounded in Communities of Grace and Faith

Titus 3:12-15

Pew Bible Page 1859

***Hymn of Response**

We Are God's People

No. 355

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of His Spirit, established by His Word:
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace:
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

***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**

Built on a Rock

arr. Martin

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

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Solo

Denise O'Neal

Piano

Sandy DeGroot

Scripture Reading

Melissa Stoltzfus

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| SUN 2/24 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 PM | Stoltzfus Care Group |
| | 6:00 PM | Carry-in dinner with missionary Tracy Dager |
| WED 2/27 | 9:30 AM | Ladies' Bible Study |
| | 11:00 AM | Ladies' Bible Study |
| THURS 2/28 | 5:30 PM | Pastoral Search Committee Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Financial Peace University Class |
| FRI 3/01 | 7:00 PM | Marriage Seminar <i>Male and Female in the Image of God</i> <i>Men as Husbands (and Fathers)</i> |
| SAT 3/2 | 9:00 AM | Marriage Seminar <i>Women as Wives (and Mothers)</i> <i>To Have and to Hold (Sexuality)</i> |
| SUN 3/03 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises |
| | 9:15 AM | Marriage Seminar (Sunday School) <i>Communication Between the Sexes;</i> <i>The Single Life</i> |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service – Dr. Alan Strange <i>Forgiving One Another</i> |

Serving the Lord

| | 2/24 | 3/03 | 3/10 |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| S.S. Nursery | B. Hrivnak | J. Marshall | B. Schoon |
| AM Nursery | L. Hrivnak | J. Rogers, Emily S. | C. Tuitman, Alanna T. |
| Greeters | CL Yonker | Stechly | Stoltzfus |
| Bring Treats | O'Neal | Lash | Hrivnak |
| Server & Clean-Up | O'Neal | Lash | Hrivnak |
| Audio | B. Armstrong | J. Martin | B. Armstrong |
| Elder of the Week | Stoltzfus | Lindborg | Schoon |

Announcements

☞ **Dr. Bryan O'Neal:** We are grateful that Bryan, who is a member of our congregation, has agreed to preach during the month of February. Bryan is the Vice President and Dean of Moody Distance Learning, and Interim Dean of the Moody Undergraduate School.

☞ **Congregational Meeting Last Sunday Morning:** At the congregational meeting last Sunday morning, it was decided that a quorum was met after further review. The minutes of the January 31, 2018, the 2018 Treasurer's Report and the 2019 Budget were all voted on and approved. The procedure for choosing the Pastoral Search Committee was also approved. The Pastoral Search Committee was then introduced. The committee consists of Jerry DeGroot, Chairman, Barb Hale, Jason Lash, Yon Lindborg, Lorrie Martin, Becky Schoon, Melissa Stoltzfus, and Al Tuitman. Approval of the committee was voted on and approved.

☞ **Missionary Visit:** Tracy Dager, missionary to the Middle East, will be with us this evening from 6:00 – 7:30 pm to share about his ministry with the Jerusalem Gateway Project. Please plan to join us this evening as we support Tracey and learn about what the Lord is doing in a place from which we usually hear about hatred and violence. We will have a carry-in meal together. A signup sheet for food and rides in in the narthex.

☞ **Marriage Seminar:** This coming Friday, Saturday and next week Sunday, we will be hosting a marriage seminar. The purpose is to strengthen the marriages in our church, among our friends and neighbors, and to help prepare singles for marriage. More details can be found in the printed fliers on the table in the narthex which are available to use to invite others. A nursery will be provided, however, nursery workers are still needed for Saturday morning – paid or volunteer. Please contact the church office with suggestions.

☞ **The Lord's Supper on March 10:** Since we are hosting the marriage seminar next Sunday, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on March 10 and Pastor Walter Lorenz will be preaching that Sunday.

☞ **Care Groups:** These small groups meet 1-2X per month for fellowship, study, support, and prayer. They are open to all, and the session encourages all members to attend one regularly. These are times for growth and to enjoy together being part of God's family. See the insert for more information.

☞ **Ministry Chairs Meeting:** Chairpersons and/or other designated members are requested to please attend this meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm. The goal is to communicate, coordinate, and plan together upcoming ministry activities. This is especially important as summer activities are being planned! These Committee Chair meetings have served this purpose well, so please come and bring ideas. Each committee should have 1-2 representatives at the meeting.

☞ **Gospel Conference:** Consider attending the Gospel Coalition National Conference to be held April 1-3 in Indianapolis, entitled "Conversations with Jesus." In the main talks, attendees will "listen in" to conversations Jesus had with others. The goal is to prepare and encourage us to give away the gospel. A discounted rate is available through February 28. The Hrivnaks and Schoons already have their tickets. For more information go to www.thegospelcoalition.org/TGC19.