

March 3rd, 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.

“Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.”

Psalm 147:5

A Mighty Fortress is Our God / Awesome God

arr. Tornquist

Responsive Call to Worship

Taken from Psalm 145

Leader: Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

People: **How great is our God!**

Leader: From generation to generation we will sing Your praises and speak of
Your goodness!

People: **Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

Leader: God, You watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who
call to You!

ALL: **How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name
forever!**

***Chorus of Praise**

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice,
And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End,
all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and
Beginning and the End. The God-head, three in one,
darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice; and trembles at His voice.
Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
How great is our God! Sing with me How great is our
God! And all will see how great, How great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how
great, is our God. Name above all names, worthy of all
praise. My heart will sing how great is our God.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32
Pew Bible Page 869

Prayer of Confession

God of all, You love each one of us and You grieve the way we hurt one another. Forgive us. Forgive us for our narrowness and prejudice, our quick tempers and stingy grace, our attention to the faults of others and blindness to our own. Help us be the people You created us to be. Help us live together in peace, loving and caring for one another as You love and care for us all. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 53:5

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Chorus of Thanksgiving

Power of the Cross

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
 for through Your suf - fring I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

nailed to a cross of wood. This the
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the
 won through Your self - less love! This the

1,2,3. pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
 4. pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 life, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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New City Catechism Question # 25

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

He Giveth More Grace/Only by His Grace

arr. Hamilton

*Hymn of Preparation

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

No. 494



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing
3. In blaz - light light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment



pray; _____ but You a - lone _____ can give us grace to
heart _____ that broods on wrongs and will not let old
know; _____ how small the debts _____ men owe to us; how
cease; _____ then, rec - on - ciled _____ to God and man our



live the words we say, _____ to live the words we say. _____
bit - ter - ness _____ de - part, _____ old bit - ter - ness _____ de - part? _____
great our debt _____ to You, _____ how great our debt _____ to You. _____
lives will spread Your peace, _____ our lives will spread Your peace.

Forgiveness is foundational for and fundamental to the Christian life.

1. Forgiveness proceeds from kindness.
2. Forgiveness presupposes repentance (or tender-heartedness).

Outline Continued:

3. Forgiveness partakes of Christ-likeness.

***Hymn of Response**

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

No. 556

“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as now.
Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
Though your sins be as scarlet, though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white as now, they shall be as white as snow.

Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God!
Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God!
He is of great compassion, and of wondrous love.
Hear the voice that entreats you, hear the voice that entreats you,
O return ye unto God! O return ye unto God!

He'll forgive your transgressions, and remember them no more;
He'll forgive your transgressions, and remember them no more.
“Look unto Me, ye people,” saith the Lord your God.
He'll forgive your transgressions, He'll forgive your transgressions,
and remember them no more, and remember them no more.

***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**

No, Not One

arr. Thygerson

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

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Piano

Denise O'Neal

Scripture Reading, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 3/02	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	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
MON 3/04	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
WED 3/06	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
THURS 3/07	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University Class
SUN 3/10	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord’s Supper
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

Important Upcoming Events

SAT 3/16	6:00 PM	Game Night at the church
TUES 3/19	7:00 PM	Ministry Chairs Meeting
THURS 3/21	5:30 PM	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
SAT 3/23	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Memorial Service for Mildred Harreld
THURS 3/28	11:00 AM	Brunch at Viking Chili Bowl
SUN 4/14	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Missions Focus)
WED 4/25	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting

Serving the Lord

	<i>3/03</i>	<i>3/10</i>	<i>3/17</i>
S.S. Nursery	J. Marshall	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	J. Rogers, Emily S.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	A. Lindborg, Cordie A.
Greeters	Stechly	Stoltzfus	Hale/Grass
Bring Treats	Lash	Hrivnak	Schoon
Server & Clean-Up	Lash	Hrivnak	Schoon
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Schoon	Stoltzfus



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 rd	Patty Jennings	6 th	Debra Chappell	6 th	Elyssa O'Neal
10 th	Emily Stoltzfus	10 th	Aaron Lash	15 th	Ana Severson
17 th	Bruce Stoltzfus	23 rd	Katelyn Katayama	23 rd	Leam Armstrong
23 rd	Joann Faber	24 th	Tobias McAuley	31 st	Jason Lash
10 th	Nelson & Sandy Schoon's Anniversary				

Announcements

☞ **Dr. Alan Strange:** We welcome Dr. Strange to our pulpit this morning. He is a Professor of Church History at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, IN. He also led the Marriage and Family Conference at our church on Friday evening and Saturday morning. We are grateful for his ministry and to have him with us this morning.

☞ **Death of Mildred Harreld:** We grieve with Debra Chappell and her family at the death of her mother Mildred this past Sunday morning. Mildred passed away peacefully at home with Debra. We rejoice that she finished her journey of life well and is now at home with the Lord. A memorial service will be held at the church building on Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 am, and all are invited to attend. Immediately following the service, please join the family for lunch at Casa Del Roma, 712 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso.

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

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** The Ladies' Bible Study group will start a new book by Nancy Guthrie entitled, *Even Better Than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story*, beginning Wednesday, March 6. Please see Lucy Hrivnak, Denise O'Neal, or Valerie Lash for details.

☞ **Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible Study will start on Saturday, March 23. We will meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 - 9:30 am. Please join us for a discussion of the book *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper. Books will be ordered soon, so please sign up on the table by the kitchen if you're interested. The cost is \$11. We look forward to seeing you there!

☞ **Rick Greene's New Email Address:** Rick has a new email address. Please add this to your church directory: rrhgreene@gmail.com

☞ **Family Game Night:** The Stoltzfus Care Group would like to invite the congregation for Family Game Night on Saturday, March 16 from 6-8 pm at the church. Please bring your favorite board or card game for a night of fun and fellowship. Transportation will be provided since we would love for the retired members of the congregation to play games with some of the children of the congregation. Snacks will be provided.

☞ **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. The Hrivnaks and Schoons already have their tickets. For more information go to www.thegospelcoalition.org/TGC19.