

August 18th, 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.

“No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 3:11

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

arr. Mason

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

***Hymn of Praise**

How Firm A Foundation

No. 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you: I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-6
Pew Bible Page 1878

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, it is You alone who have delivered us from our sin and misery, only through the life, death, and resurrection of Your only son, Jesus Christ. We praise You and thank You for this gift of faith and we would ask that You would continue to increase our faith so that we would trust more and more in Your guidance and care in our lives. Our will is not always Your will, just as our ways are not always Your ways. But they can be and will be, by Your continued grace and mercy. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, continue to walk with us, shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand; helping us, encouraging us, working repentance in us, and every reminding us of Your never-ending love for us. Point us always to Your son, Jesus Christ, for it's in His name that we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:10-13

¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

No. 498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. REFRAIN

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. REFRAIN

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. REFRAIN

New City Catechism Question # 49

Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. DeCou

*Chorus of Preparation

In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world, by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depchs of
ones He came to save. 'Till on the cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort -
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the depth of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Sermon Notes:

***Hymn of Response**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN

***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**

Oh, Love, How Deep

arr. Hildebrand

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

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Organ

Sandy Schoon

Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Serving the Lord

	8/18	8/25	9/01
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Aaron L.	B. Hrivnak, Alanna T.	F. Armstrong, Cordie A.
Greeters	Hale/Grass	Lanenga	J. Faber
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Lindborg	Schoon

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/18	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Adult Sunday School led by Andrew Gretzinger Worship Service; Andrew Gretzinger preaching Carry-in Lunch to meet Gretzinger family
WED 8/21	6:30 PM	Special Congregational Meeting
SUN 8/25	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Important Upcoming Events

TUES 8/27	7:00 PM	Committee Chairs Meeting
SUN 9/08	8:45 AM	Sunday School Classes Begin

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Rev. Andrew Gretzinger, a candidate to become our next pastor. Andrew has over 10 years of experience as Assistant and Associate Pastor to PCA churches in Spartanburg, SC and Abington, MD before spending time as a missionary to Northern Ireland. Our guest pastor next week is Dr. Cornelius Venema. Dr. Venema serves as President of Mid America Reformed Seminary in addition to his systematic theology teaching responsibilities at the seminary. We pray for God's blessing on these pastors as they bring us God's Word.

Carry-In Lunch Today After Worship Service: Join us for a carry-in lunch today to meet the Gretzinger family. The family consists of Andrew, his wife Jenni, and 5 children: one daughter, Kathleen, and four sons, Liam, David, Mark, and Ryan. Please stay for this time of fellowship!

☞ **Congregational Meeting:** A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm. All communicant members 18 and older are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will not be accepted since the vote will be on a complete call package including compensation, to be presented at the meeting. At the meeting we will also hear a report from the Pastoral Search Committee and we will vote on the candidate, Rev. Andrew Gretzinger, as our new pastor. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those who would appreciate a ride. Please be in prayer. It is times of change and challenge that can build the church and knit us closer in bonds of love. Plan on attending this important meeting!

☞ **Ministry Chairs Meeting:** Chairpersons and/or other designated members are requested to please attend this meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, August 27, at 7 pm. The goal is to communicate, coordinate, and plan together upcoming ministry activities. This is especially important as fall activities are being planned! Each committee should have 1-2 representatives at the meeting.

☞ **Teacher / Substitute Teachers Needed:** Sunday School will resume on September 8 with a light breakfast from 8:45 – 9:15 am to start off the new year. Because of the breakfast, we will not have opening exercises that day. Also, please contact Lorrie Martin (219) 210-8871 or Melissa Stoltzfus (219) 309-5092 if you are interested in serving as a teacher or substitute for Sunday School for the upcoming year.

☞ **Host a Guest Pastor:** “Thanks” to all those families who have hosted a guest pastors while we have been vacant. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those interested in a hosting a guest pastor for lunch after the morning worship service next week and Sundays in September. Please consider this opportunity to become acquainted with these pastors.