



MEADOWVIEW
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

“...that in all things Christ might have first place.”
Colossians 1:18

The Lord’s Day
April 24, 2022

*The mission of Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church
is to savor the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to be servants of that grace locally and globally.*

Reflection Before the Service

Every day we are bombarded by messages attempting to tell us who we are. Being ourselves in a world that constantly seeks to make us someone else is a never-ending and arduous task. The task is made more difficult by our own self-deception, a common human ailment. Too frequently, because of concerns for self-defense and self-promotion, we willingly deceive ourselves. To quote Blaise Pascal, “Our own interest is again a marvelous instrument for nicely putting out our eyes.”

Every reality of Christian existence is at bottom an issue of identity. As for self-centeredness, faith confronts and seeks to overcome self-centeredness...Faith displaces the ego so that Christ is the primary determiner of the self. In other words, the Christian understanding of the self is found outside the self. Miroslav Volf correctly says that the apostle Paul “presumes a centered self, more precisely a wrongly centered self that needs to be de-centered by being nailed to the cross. . . . The self is never without a center; it is always engaged in the production of its own center.”

No matter the dangers and problems in focusing on identity, we do not have a choice. All of life is lived out of a sense of identity, even if one’s sense of identity is confused or unconscious. Therefore, we must give direct and frequent attention to identity. **The Christian faith says not only that you can know yourself, at least at some level, but that you must know yourself, sin and all; that grace makes it possible to look honestly at yourself; and that you will know yourself and find your true self only by knowing the God revealed in Jesus Christ. With the conviction that Christ is the ultimate image of God, Blaise Pascal commented, “Not only do we know God through Jesus Christ alone; but we know ourselves only by Jesus Christ.”**

Klyne R. Snodgrass, *Who God Says You Are: A Christian Understanding of Identity*

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Exodus 3:7-15*

Song: *Immortal Invisible*

Declaration of Faith: *Col. 1:15-20*

Song: *Christ Be Magnified*

Song: *Cornerstone*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory (*You can give online at www.MeadowviewPCA.org*)

Sermon: *Mark 14:66-72*

Song: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Benediction

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Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

⁶⁸ But **he denied it**, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.”

And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed.

⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.”

⁷⁰ But again **he denied it**.

And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “**I do not know this man** of whom you speak.”

⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” (14:26-31)

And he broke down and wept.

Identity Crisis

Pastor George Sayour

I. Failure of Identity (in Self)

II. Finding True Identity (In Christ)

III. Flourishing in Our Identity (In Christ)

Tracing Peter

- Luke 5:1-11 – Calling
- John 6:66-69 – Where Would We go Lord?
- Matthew 14:28-30 – Walks on Water
- Matthew 16:13-28 - Profession
- Mark 14: 26-31, 53-54 – Prediction of Denials
- John 18:10 – Cuts off Ear

Peter's Restoration: Mark 15:7, John 21

Compare Moses Story: Exodus 2&3

Member News

I praise God for what He has promised; yes, I praise the Lord for what He has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 56:10-11)

Prayer Requests

Nursing Home Resident - Anita Ewbank - (Alice Snyder's mother)
Brookstone Retirement Center

Service Member - Carter Beck - US Coast Guard
(Homer and Linda Curry's grandson)

Wanda Davis

Pray for peace as she waits to have rotator cuff surgery on 5/17

Paul Clodfelter - Radiation treatment for prostate cancer

Amelia – (Ozzie & Carolyn Marin's neighbor) –

a high school senior, hospitalized with bad case pneumonia. Pray for wisdom for doctors and that they will identify the source of the pneumonia.

Greta Hamm - (Sybil Ham's sister-in-law) -
Wisdom for treatment of a-fib

Mary Leitch – Pray for Mary as she recovers at home with a severe case of vertigo.

Gary and Karen Pfohl

Pray for safety, good adjustment to home surroundings & following directions – waiting for Karen to walk with him. Pray Karen would have peace, wisdom, and confidence as they begin the journey of recovery at home.

Kathy Stevens - Second week of pinpoint radiation to treat small lesion on liver

Donna Swicegood

Peace; relief from anxiety; wisdom for treatment medication adjustments; bed rest

David Todd

For brother Anthony's safety and well-being and that he would learn to lean on God for all things and not lean on worldly substances; for David to have a successful release back into society and for his anxiety and fear of the unknown to subside.

Scott Trogdon - Miraculous healing; week 2 of radiation; daily chemo pill to control brain tumor

Prayer Ministry

*To be included in updates on our prayer chain
or to submit a prayer request,
email Debbie Thompson at pray4meadowview@gmail.com.*

Upcoming Events

Savoring the Grace of God

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am

Nursery (birth - age 3) provided for the entire service
Children's Worship Training (ages 4-6) during sermon

Bible Hour: Sundays at 9am for all ages

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities: (all ages) 5pm -7:15pm

5:00pm – Meal – Breakfast for Supper
5:45pm – Prayer Group, Rm 201
6:00pm – Children and Youth Programs
6:15pm – Adult Class: Parables of Jesus

VBS (Vacation Bible School): June 20-24 from 9am – 12pm

see insert for volunteer sign-ups

Youth: *Guys & Girls Night Out* May 6

Men: Men's Bowling: @ YMCA on Fri., May 20 5:30pm-6:30pm

All ages. Limit of 50. Pizza & Drinks provided

See Bulletin Insert for information and to sign-up

Women: Ladies Spring Brunch Sat., May 21 10am-12noon

*Women/girls 6th grade and up. *See Bulletin Insert **

Senior Adults: Lunch: Thurs., 4/28 @ 11:30am **See Bulletin Insert **

Ministering the Grace of God

Blood Drive: Tues., May 17 @ 1pm

Car Care: Sat., May 14 @ 9am

Gotta Mission: Sat., May 14 beginning @ 9am

sign-ups on table in Narthex

Cherokee Mission Trip: June 26 – July 2

Pastor's Pantry: May – Canned Pasta. ***Place in blue bin in kitchen***

Thank You! *Thanks to everyone who helped with the Foster Families' Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic! We hosted almost 100 foster kids and foster parents, and had plenty of stuffed eggs, candy, prizes, books, and volunteers. Thanks to you who donated items, and the youth group for stuffing all those eggs! Thanks to the volunteers who graciously served at the event. Thanks for praying for the foster children and those who care for them.*
-- Mara Lovejoy