



**MEADOWVIEW**  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

*"...that in all things Christ might have first place."*  
Colossians 1:18

**The Lord's Day**  
**December 11, 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

*As the sun is seen by its own beams, so the word of God needs no other testimony than itself to commend it to the consciences of men.*

- Thomas Manton, *The Works of Thomas Manton*, Vol.7, p.464 (1620-1677)

*I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it, I see everything else.*

- C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, 1941

Who is Jesus Christ? What does it matter anyway?

The Christ of the Scripture, as the one and only source of meaning for every aspect of human life, is the Christ that must be brought to men...

Christ has told me who I am, said John Calvin in effect, and he knew that he had solid ground under his feet. And he had indeed (Jn 8:14). Christ alone among men could say I am and make it stand. He related himself intelligently to his environment because he created and controls that environment. By him, created things are created and redeemed.

-Cornelius Van Til, [\*The Great Debate Today\*](#), p. iv-1, 1970.

# Today's Service

**Advent Reading #3** *Matthew 2:10-11*

**Song:** *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** *Psalm 19*

**Song:** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Declaration of Faith:** *Westminster Shorter Catechism #26*

**Song:** *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

**Song:** *Ever Be*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory** (*You can give online at [www.MeadowviewPCA.org](http://www.MeadowviewPCA.org)*)

**Sermon:** *John 1:4-13*

**Song:** *Death Was Arrested*

**Benediction**

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## John 1:4-13

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the *darkness*, and the *darkness* has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did *not know* him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did *not receive* him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the *flesh* nor of the will of man, but of God.

## Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

<sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also **he created the world**. <sup>3</sup>**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,**

and he **upholds the universe by the word of his power**.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,...

# The Supreme Source of Creation, Life & Light

Pastor George Sayour

## John Crushing Dualities in John 1

- Light – Darkness
- Belief – Not Know, Not Receive
- God - Flesh
- Life – World (Death)

## Key Words in John’s Gospel found in John 1

- Witness – 25+, World – 60+, Life – 40+, Light – 15+,  
Receive – 20+, Believe – 80+, True(th) – 40+

I have come into the world as **light**, so that whoever **believes** in me may not remain in **darkness**. – John 12:46

And this is the judgment: the **light** has come into the **world**, and people loved the **darkness** rather than the **light** because their works were evil. – John 3:19

“I am the **light** of the **world**. Whoever follows me will not walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light** of **life**.” –John 8:12

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## Member News

*He will cover you with His feathers. He will shelter you with His wings.  
His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Psalm 91:4*

### Prayer Requests

**Homebound** – Dottie Hopkins

**Service Member** – MC2 Carrie Makonnen – US Navy  
(Debbie Thompson's daughter)

Transition to civilian life on 1-2-23 after 5 years in the Navy

**John Hargett** – Ongoing healing and rehab following stroke; increased function for left side, including vision and swallowing; strategies to compensate for losses; scheduled to be discharged today

**Wanda Davis** – healing for sprained ankle;  
relief from sciatica causing hip pain and difficulty walking

**Bob Harris** – (father-in-law of Sandra Edwards' daughter)  
Removal of aneurysm and valve replacement tomorrow

**Ana** – (Mara Lovejoy's great-niece) – Thyroid cancer; healthy pregnancy and baby

**James & Kelley Nash** – Pray for Kelley's uncle who was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pray for me –having issues with heart (SVT) and for clarity on timing of having ablation

**Larry Monahan** – (Mara Lovejoy's brother-in-law) Cardiopulmonary rehab program to build strength in anticipation of transplant

**Mary Ann** – (friend of Caroline Spaugh) – Healing for severe infection; strength; help for eating disorder.

**Brenda Brogdon** – (Dottie Hopkins' daughter) – cancer

**Derek Justice** – (friend of Gerry James) – Grace & Mercy. Treatment for leukemia that has return.

**Meghan** – (request from Jo Dicus) - Hospitalized with severe anorexia

**Dennis Scott** – Pray for peace & comfort as first anniversary of wife's death approaches.

**Chuck Woodson** – (Shelly Wilson's father) – Praise for miraculous PET scan report; ongoing cancer treatments; wisdom for doctors to determine cause of abdominal fluid.

**John Shoaf** – (Karen Greene's brother) – Pray he and his family will experience the Lord's closeness throughout the bone marrow process; donor's recovery from covid and God's blessing for this selfless and generous gift.

**Donna Swicegood** - Ongoing peace & relief from increasing anxiety

**Scott Trogdon** – Scott is now in the Sticht Center. Healing from cancer.

### Prayer Ministry

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

# Upcoming Events

## Savoring the Grace of God

Weekly on Sundays: 9am Bible Hour & 10:30 Worship

*Adult Bible Hour: Miracles of the Bible*

*Women's Bible Study: Deeper*

## Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Supper & Activities from 5-7:15pm

*Supper: vegetable soup or chicken stew, crackers,  
salad, peach cobbler*

Life Groups (contact [payllon@meadowviewpca.org](mailto:payllon@meadowviewpca.org) to connect)

## Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry December Donation: dry pasta and sauce

## Christmas at Meadowview

### Services

Sat, 12/24: A Simple Candlelight Service - put on by Elders @5pm

Sun, 12/25: Christmas Morning Worship at 11am (no Bible Hour)

### Gatherings

Mon, 12/12: LOL Women's Christmas Dinner (tickets required)

Fri, 12/16: Youth Christmas Party

Sat, 12/17: Sr. Adults Christmas Party\*

### Ministry Opportunities

Wed, 12/14: Christmas Caroling

**For more information about all events,  
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*\*Indicates sign-up requirement/opportunity on bulletin insert*