



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 2, 2023

*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

Most assuredly, the Church is concerned first of all with individuals and their preparation for life eternal. Hence the pulpit should never degenerate into a chair of sociology. At the same time she must continually remember that she is God's chosen instrument, not only to save individuals, but to seek, as far as may be, the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Bible contains many directions for social life, reveals to us the principles that should control every movement for social reform, and offers us the only final solution of all the social problems. And no sinister influence should ever induce the preacher to hide this light.

We do not mean that he ought to speak authoritatively on all the phases of social life, on all the particulars of the social problems. With his limited knowledge of economic questions and of the intricate fabric of the social and industrial world, this would be unwise. He would but make himself ridiculous.

But he should fearlessly and clearly proclaim the broad underlying principles of social life, so that the charge could no more be laid at his door that his preaching is exclusively "other-worldly."

If the question be asked, as is sometimes done, whether the Cross of Christ or the Kingdom of God should be the central theme of the pulpit's message, we do not hesitate to reply: the Cross—the Cross that was an offense, a stumbling-block to the Jew, and foolishness to the Greek, but that is the power of God unto salvation for all those that believe. **Yet with the distinct understanding that the pulpit should never lose sight of the fact that on the Cross the Kingdom is to be founded.**

Louis Berkhof, [*The Church and Social Problems*](#) (1913), 18–19.

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Song: *All Glory Laud And Honor*

Declaration of Faith: *The Lord's Prayer*

Song: *As It Is In Heaven*

Song: *King Of Kings*

Pastoral Prayer

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

Sermon: *John 3:1-4*

Song: *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

The Lord's Supper

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Benediction

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John 3:1-14

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus¹ by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³**Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”**

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

⁵**Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²**If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?**

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Seeing The Kingdom

Pastor George Sayour

Kingdom Confusion

⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

– Luke 4

Kingdom Gospel

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” – Mark 1:15

(Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 24:14)

Kingdom Tension & Kingdom Ethics

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. – 1 Cor 15

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. – Matthew 6:10

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

- Nursing Home Resident** – Anita Ewbank – Brookstone Retirement Center (Alice Snyder’s mother) – hospitalized; relief of anxiety & depression.
- Service Member** – LTJG Patrick Riley – US Navy – USS Jefferson City outside Guam – (Roger & Colette Wheeler’s nephew)
- Nolan Clemmer** – (newborn son of Joe & Katie Clemmer) Pray Nolan can maintain a normal body temperature on his own
- Roger Wheeler** – peace & comfort following the death of his father, Roger Sr.
- Covenant School Community** – peace & comfort for the families of those who lost loved ones; pray for the staff, students & community as they process this tragedy.
- Ana Meares** – (granddaughter of Mara Lovejoy’s sister, Jana) surgery to remove cancerous thyroid
- Carla Sanow** – (Wanda Rummage’s sister) Failing kidney transplant from 20 years ago; MRI on the 28th; wisdom for treatment options
- Frankie Swicegood’s Family** – (Wayne & Diane Swicegood’s daughter-in-law) Home and most of possessions lost in fire.
- Jake Sowers** – (Martha Myers’ brother) cancer of vocal chords; pray for healing, peace, & comfort
- Flynn Young** – (Charlie & Betty Milam’s great-grandson) MRI results
- Eva Bean** – (Lisa Malek’s 16 yo niece) anxiety, depression, panic attacks.
- Preston Dalton** – (friend of Ronnie & Sherri Walser) Healing after breaking both ankles and legs in a fall.
- Rory Smith** – (Richard Snyder’s 3 year old great-great nephew) Has avascular necrosis. Pray for pain relief & wisdom for doctors
- Jordan Partida** – (friend of Gaven Swicegood) brain tumor & seizures
- Candice Yates** – (friend of Zach & Heather Livengood) – Lung cancer
- John Hargett** – Ongoing healing & rehab following stroke
- Tracy Davis** – (Mara Lovejoy’s neighbor) – Was not able to have chemo this week due to kidney function. Has been admitted to the hospital & waiting to see urologist. Pray the pain would stay under control.
- Brenda Brogdon** – (Dottie Hopkins’ daughter) – treatment for cancer
- Kenneth “Hoppy” Hopkins** – in the hospital with pneumonia
- Morgan Walters** – (Trisha Prevetie’s former teammate) chemo & radiation
- Meghan** – (request from Jo Dicus) – miraculous healing from anorexia
- Chuck Woodson** – (Shelly Wilson’s father) – ongoing cancer treatments
- Donna Swicegood** - Ongoing peace & relief from anxiety
- Scott Trogdon** – healing from cancer & multiple health issues

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

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

Spring Bible Hour Classes

Discovering Meadowview

Adult Bible Hour: The Minor Prophets

Women's Bible Hour: Deeper

4/6 Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30pm

4/9 Easter Sunday: 7:00am: Sunrise Service

Breakfast

9:00am: Worship Service

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night: There will be no Wednesday night activities for April 5th or April 12th.

Life Groups (contact payllon@meadowviewpca.org to connect)

Sat., 4/22: @ 9am – 3pm

LOL Women's Day Retreat @ Meadowview

Tickets are \$10: available in kitchen 4/2, 4/16 10am-10:30am

For post-high school ladies and older Speaker: Becky Seamon

Thurs., 4/27: @ 11:30am Senior Adult Luncheon *

Bring side/dessert

May 3-4: Gospel Reformation Network Conference – Charlotte, NC

Session is offering scholarship for 20 tickets *

Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry April: dried beans and rice

Sat., 4/8: 10am – 12pm Foster Family Easter Egg Hunt

4pm – 6pm Baptist Children's Home Easter Egg Hunt

Need Volunteers and Donations

*Place donations in bin in kitchen **

**Indicates sign-up requirement/opportunity on bulletin insert*

**For more information about all events,
scan the QR code or visit
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