



**MEADOWVIEW**  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

**The Lord’s Day**  
July 9, 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

“The greatest barrier I have met is the almost total absence from the minds of my audience of any sense of sin... The early Christian preachers could assume in their hearers,...a sense of guilt... Thus the Christian message was in those days unmistakably the Evangelium, the Good News. It promised healing to those who knew they were sick. We have to convince our hearers of the unwelcome diagnosis before we can expect them to welcome the news of the remedy.

The ancient man approached God (or even the gods) as the accused person approaches his judge.

For the modern man, the roles are quite reversed. He is the judge: God is in the dock (being judged). He (man) is quite a kindly judge; if God should have a reasonable defense for being the god who permits war, poverty, and disease, he is ready to listen to it. The trial may even end in God’s acquittal. But the important thing is that man is on the bench and God is in the dock.”

— C.S. Lewis, God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics

# Today's Service

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** *Psalm 22:22-23*

**Song:** *Rejoice The Lord Is King*

**Declaration of Faith:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

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

**Song:** *Cornerstone*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Sermon:** *John 5:18, 30-46*

**Song:** *How Marvelous*

**Benediction**

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## John 5:18, 30-46

<sup>18</sup>This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the **Sabbath**, but he was even **calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**

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<sup>30</sup>“I can do nothing on my own. **As I hear, I judge, & my judgment is just**, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>31</sup>**If I alone bear witness** about myself, my testimony is not true.

<sup>32</sup>There is another who *bears witness* about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.

(1) <sup>33</sup>**You sent to John**, and he has *borne witness* to the truth.

<sup>34</sup>Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was a burning and shining lamp, & you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup>But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John.

(2) **For the works** that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, *bear witness* about me that the Father has sent me.

(3) <sup>37</sup>**And the Father who sent me** has himself *borne witness* about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup>and you do not have his word abiding in you, for **YOU DO NOT BELIEVE** the one whom he has sent.

(4) <sup>39</sup>**You search the Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; & it is they that *bear witness* about me, <sup>40</sup>**yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.**

<sup>41</sup>I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup>But **I know** that **you do not have the love of God within you.** <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father's name, and **YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ME.** If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup>How can you **believe**, when **YOU RECEIVE GLORY FROM ONE ANOTHER** and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

<sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>For if you **believed** Moses, you would **believe** me; **for he wrote of me.** <sup>47</sup>But if you do not **believe** his writings, how will you **believe** my words?"

# **Our Real Problem**

Pastor George Sayour

Judging the Judge

Witnessing the Witnesses

Just and Justifier

*Watch Past Sermons at: [youtube.com/meadowviewpca](https://youtube.com/meadowviewpca)  
Listen to Past Sermons at: [sermonaudio.com/meadowviewpca](https://sermonaudio.com/meadowviewpca)*

## 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** – Kathrine Thompson – Lexington Health Care (Debbie Thompson's mother-in-law) pray for peace & comfort following the death of her sister, Shirley, who was the only remaining sibling.
- Service Member** – LTJG Patrick Riley – US Navy – USS Jefferson City (Roger & Colette Wheeler's nephew)
- Flynn Young** – (Betty Milam's great-grandson) EEG showed no seizure activity, but pediatrician said he did. Tests were sent to Duke for review. Pray for wisdom for doctors and healing for Flynn.
- Fran Lynch** – (Marie Kuhn's sister) readmitted to hospital with low sodium
- Billy Monahan** – (Mara Lovejoy's nephew) – Pray for peace & comfort for the family following Billy's death
- Ann Wilcox** – healing from UTI
- Ed Roop** – (recently retired teacher from Sheets Memorial Christian School) pray for peace & comfort for the family and friends following his death.
- Dottie Hopkins** – peace & comfort following the death of her daughter & son
- Anna Greene** – Davidson Health and Rehab; ongoing recovery & healing for legs and body following car accident and surgeries.
- Debbie Ogdon** – rest, peace, relief from medication side effects, and complete healing following spinal fusion surgery.
- Jason Helopolus** – aggressive melanoma; upcoming surgery to see if it spread
- Sandy** – (daughter of woman ministered to at laundromat during Gotta Mission) Pray that she would not relapse into drug addiction after release from prison.
- Kevin Buchanan** – July 19 surgery to remove benign pituitary tumor
- Linda Hill** – (friend Ann Wilcox) pray for peace & comfort
- Joyce Rector** – effectiveness of radiation, minimal side effects
- Belinda Surratt** – (co-worker & former co-worker) – outspoken atheists
- Jeff Miller** – (Bruce & Mary Lynn Tussey's neighbor) Pray for Jeff, whose MRI results showed he may have cancer on his neck.
- Shellie Almond** (dear friend of Gerry & Renee James) Advanced lupus – pain
- Debbie Thompson** – healing following surgery; praise for good biopsy report
- Megan** – (request from Jo Dicus) recovery from anorexia - relapse
- Ron Holder** – (request from Gerry James) cancer diagnosis
- Eva Bean** – (Lisa Malek's 16 yo niece) anxiety, depression, panic attacks.
- John Hargett** – Ongoing healing & rehab following stroke
- Morgan Walters** – (Trisha Prevetie's former teammate) cancer treatment
- Chuck Woodson** – (Shelly Wilson's father) – ongoing cancer treatments
- Donna Swicegood** - Ongoing peace & relief from anxiety

### 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

Summer Bible Hour Classes:

*Adult Bible Hour: The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion*

*Women's Bible Hour: Book of Ruth*

## Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities:

Wed. 7/12 6:00 – 7:15pm: Summer Youth Group

All other Wednesday night activities will resume Sept. 6

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

July 27: Senior Adult Luncheon – The Classic in Denton \*

Meet at the church @ 11am to carpool to The Classic

We will be at the restaurant by 11:30am for meal.

Fri., Aug. 25 4:00pm – 8:30pm Summer Bash & Variety Show

Auditions: \*\*required to be in the show\*\*

Sun., July 9 @ 12 noon ~OR~ Wed., July 12 @ 7pm

## Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry July: Canned Vegetables

July 18 @ 1pm: Blood Drive

Sept. 9 @ 9am: Car Care

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

For more information about all events, scan the QR code or visit [MeadowviewPCA.org/events](http://MeadowviewPCA.org/events).



### 2023 Faith Promise for Missions

Faith Promise Budget: \$96,000.00

2023 Receipts: \$16,293.00

### Tithes & Offerings (Includes E-giving)

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Faith Promise</u>
2023 Giving	\$375,818.95	\$17,973.00
2023 Expenses	\$421,812.81	\$38,862.25
Shortfall	(\$45,993.86)	(\$20,889.25)

(As of 6/30/23)