



MEADOWVIEW
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord’s Day
September 24, 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

What were we made for? To know God.

What aim should we set ourselves in life? To know God.

What is the “eternal life” that Jesus gives? Knowledge of God. “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3).

What is the best thing in life, bringing more joy, delight and contentment than anything else? Knowledge of God. “.. but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me” (Jer 9:23-24).

What, of all the states God ever sees man in, gives God most pleasure? Knowledge of himself. “I desired . . . the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings,” says God (Hos 6:6 KJV)...

Our point is one to which every Christian heart will warm, though the person whose religion is merely formal will not be moved by it. (And by this very fact his unregenerate state may be known.) What we have said provides at once a foundation, shape and goal for our lives, plus a principle of priorities and a scale of values. Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord...

What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance; and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?

-J.I. Packer, *Knowing God* (pp. 33-34).

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 89:1-18*

Song: *Hymn – O Worship The King*

Song: *Indescribable*

Song: *His Mercy Is More*

Pastoral Prayer

Declaration of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism #31*

Doxology

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

Sermon: *John 7:14-36*

Song: *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Benediction

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John 7:14-36

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will KNOW whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority **seeks his own glory**; but the one who seeks **the glory of him who sent him is true**, and in him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? **Yet none of you keeps the law.** Why do you seek to kill me?"

²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it.(Ch5) ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. (Lev 12:3) ²³ **If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I mfade a man's whole body well?** (Mark 2:27, Matt. 5:17) ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities **really KNOW** that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we KNOW where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will KNOW where he comes from." ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "**You KNOW me, and you KNOW where I come from** (?) **But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not KNOW.** ²⁹ **I KNOW him, for I come from him, and he sent me.**" ³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people **believed in him**. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" (v32-36 not included)

Do You Know God?

Pastor George Sayour

Do You Really Know What You Think You Know 19, 25-28) LAW

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- Rom 3:1-18, 23; 1 Cor 1:17-31

How You Can Know What You Need to Know (v19, 29) GOSPEL

- Deut 27:26; Gal 3:10-13
- John 1:18; Phil 3:8-11

Moving what You Know in your Head to Your Heart (v17, 24) LOVE

- John 3:16, Gal 4:4-7; 1 John 4:10
- 1 Cor 2:16, 13:12; Romans 12:1-2

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Prayer Requests

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

Nursing Home Resident – Katherine Thompson

Lexington Health Care (Debbie Thompson's mother-in-law)

Service Member – Kenall Gantt – Army National Guard

Special Rescue Unit (Lisa Malek's brother)

Kathy Stevens – Hospitalized for liver problems from chemo

Annabelle McKinney – steroid treatment for liver rejection

Janet Sharpe – (Ann Hege's mom) Healing for bruised hip

Merri Jo Freeze – (Eric Harrison's sister) Recurrence of cancer

Tracy Davis – (Mara Lovejoy's neighbor) bladder cancer

Rachel Everhart – (From JD) pain relief

Kathy Rosser – upcoming back surgery

Randy Tinsley – (request from Emily Johnson) Stage IV cancer

Gary James – (Gerry James' brother) healing after back surgery;

Jessica James – (Gerry & Renee James' daughter) wisdom for diagnosis & treatment of health issues

Kim – (Karen Pfohl's sister) healing/rehab after femur surgery

Olivia Kinley – (friend of Wanda Davis) medically induced coma; mini-strokes; salvation

Shellie Almond (dear friend of Gerry & Renee James) Adv. lupus

Paul Clodfelter – healing from cancer

Carla Sanow – (Wanda Rummage's sister) failing kidney transplant

Eva Bean – (Lisa Malek's 16 year old niece) anxiety, depression

Jordan Partida – (friend of Gaven Swicegood) brain tumor

Candice Yates – (Zach & Heather Livengood's friend) –cancer

John Hargett – Ongoing healing & rehab following stroke

Morgan Walters – (Trisha Prevette's former teammate) cancer

Meghan – (request from Jo Dicus) – healing from anorexia

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.

Upcoming Events

Savoring the Grace of God

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

Bible Hour Classes:

Adult Bible Hour: The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion

Women's Bible Hour: Ephesians

Discovering Meadowview – Room 201

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities: 5:00pm – 7:15pm

5:00pm – Supper: *chicken cordon bleu, green beans, mac n cheese, salad, dessert*

5:45pm – Prayer Group, Rm 201

6:00pm – Children and Youth Programs

6:15pm – Adult Class

Life Groups (contact payllon@meadowviewpca.org)

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1: Missions Conference*

Sat., Oct. 7: 3pm – 5pm Men's Day at the Lake*

Sat., Oct. 7 @ 9am – noon Women's Hobby Share*

Thur., Oct. 26: Senior Adult Luncheon*

Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry September: Soups/Stews (canned)

Nov. 11 @ 9am: Car Care

Nov. 21 @ 1pm: Blood Drive

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



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