

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord's Day September 3, 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

"True, the Father does not love us *because* we are sinners; but He does love us *even though* we are sinners. He loved us *before* Christ died for us. It is *because* He loves us that Christ died for us!

We must not confuse the truth that our sins are forgiven only because of the death and resurrection of Christ with the very different notion that God loves us only because of the death and resurrection of Christ.

No, He loved us from the first of time and *therefore* sent His Son, who came willingly, to die for us. In this way a right understanding of the work of Christ leads to a true understanding of the matchless love the Father has for us."

-Sinclair B. Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*, 65-66.

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: Psalm 118:19-24

Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Declaration of Faith: WSC #86; Ephesians 2:8-9

Song: You Never Let Go

Song: How Great Is Our God

Pastoral Prayer

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

Sermon: John 6:35-47; 65

Song: *In Christ Alone*

The Lord's Supper

Song: In Christ Alone

Benediction

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John 6:35 – 40, 44,65

- ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; <u>whoever comes to me</u> shall not hunger, and whoever <u>believes</u> in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.
- ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
 - ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me,

that <u>I should lose nothing of all that **he has given me**, but raise it up on the last day.</u>

- ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and <u>I will</u> raise him up on the last day."
- ... ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.
- ...⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

Romans 8:28-30 - The Golden Chain of Redemption

- ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- To be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 9:16 - So then it depends not on him who wills or him who runs (works), but on God, who has mercy.

Sovereign Grace in Redemption

Pastor George Sayour

Can Anyone Come to Jesus? (v 44, 65)

Who Can Come To Jesus? (v 37)

Will They? (v 37)

What Happens to those Who Do? (v 35, 39, 40, 44)

Why this Matters? (v37,39)

Living in the Tension Between Man's Responsibility & God's Sovereignty in Salvation. For More Study:

- John 10:22-30
- Ephesians 1:3,4,5,11
- 1 Peter 1:1,2
- Acts 4:27-28
- Romans 8:28-30, Romans 9:14-24
- Genesis 50:20, Acts 2:22-24

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 – JoAn Louya – Hospice Care @ Alston Brooks

(Donna Swicegood's mother)

Service Member – MMFN Zachary Trogdon – US Navy - Norfolk Peace & comfort following his father's death.

Martha Carrick - Cold and flu symptoms for over a week

Kathy Rosser – upcoming back surgery

Linda Hill – (from Ann Wilcox) Ongoing peace & comfort following Ron Patterson's death.

Alice Snyder – peace & comfort following the death of her mother,

Gary James - (Gerry James' brother) upcoming back surgery; salvation

Jessica James – (Gerry & Renee's daughter) wisdom for diagnosis & treatment of health issues that prevent her from working

Fran Lynch – (Marie Kuhn's sister) test results; management cognitive decline **Kevin & Gloria Mills** – Gloria's knee & back issues; wisdom for Kevin to get her medical help, finances, & wisdom in job decision/possible move to W.Va.

Lindsay – (Debbie Ogden's cousin) Peace & comfort for her & her two teenage children following her husband's death by suicide.

Gordon Plyler – (friend of Greg & Belinda Surratt) pancreatic cancer; treatment plan; peace for Gordon & his family

Randy Tinsley – (Request from Emily Johnson) stage IV kidney cancer that has spread to the brain.

James Howard – living & employment situation

Carla Sanow – (Wanda Rummage's sister) donor for second kidney transplant **Bob Tice** - COVID

Jeremy Ross –(Meadowview Supported missionary) inoperable, stage IV pancreatic cancer; upcoming test, peace & strength for family

Morgan Walters (Trisha Prevette's former teammate) pray the infusions will continue to be effective. The brain tumor has not grown.

Paul Clodfelter – pray as Paul recovers from chemo & recent kidney surgery

Anna Greene – ongoing recovery & healing at home

Jason Helopolus – aggressive melanoma;

Joyce Rector – ongoing radiation treatments; strength & encouragement;

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

Megan – (request from Jo Dicus) recovery from anorexia; continued progress

Eva Bean – (Lisa Malek's 16 yo niece) depression, panic attacks.

John Hargett – Ongoing healing & rehab following stroke

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 <u>pray4meadowview@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming Events

Savoring the Grace of God

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

Fall Bible Hour Classes:

Adult Bible Hour: The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion

Women's Bible Hour: Ephesians & Hebrews

Discovering Meadowview

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities: Begin this Wed., Sept. 6 5-7:15pm

5:00pm – Supper

chicken pie, 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 to connect)

Fri., Sept. 15: 5:30-7:30pm @ YMCA Men's Bowling Night Pizza provided. Limit of 50 *

Thur., Sept. 21: Senior Adult Luncheon

*Save the Date: Missions Conference – Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

*Save the Date: LOL Women's Hobby Share – Oct. 7 from 9am – noon Bring a finger food item to share and a few copies of a favorite recipe to share.

volunteers willing to demonstrate/share their hobbies/skill, please sign-up on insert

Ministering the Grace of God

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

Sept. 9 @ 9am: Car Care

Sept. 19 @ 1pm: Blood Drive

*Indicates sign-up requirement/opportunity on bulletin insert

For more information about all events, scan the QR code or visit MeadowviewPCA.org/events.

