



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 17, 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

In the winter, which strips the fruit of the branches off from the barren vine, fruit sprang up unto us. In the cold that bares all the trees, a shoot of the house of Jesse was green for us. In December, when the seed is hidden in the earth, there sprouted forth from the womb the ear of life.

-Ephrem the Syrian, AD 306-373

What wisdom is manifested in the plan of redemption of which the incarnate God is the center! What love is there revealed! What power is that which brought the Divine One down from glory to the manger; only omnipotence could have worked so great a marvel! What faithfulness to ancient promises! What truthfulness in keeping covenant! What grace, and yet what justice! For it was in the person of that newborn child that the law must be fulfilled, and in His precious body must vengeance find recompense for injuries done to divine righteousness. All the attributes of God were in that little child most marvelously displayed and veiled.

-Charles Spurgeon

Today's Service

Advent Reading: *Matthew 2:10-11*

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Romans 15:8-13*

Song: *Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

Song: *Come Ye Sinners*

Song: *Psalm 62*

Pastoral Prayer

Declaration of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism #26*

Doxology

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

Any giving for 2023 must be postmarked by 12/31/23

Sermon: *Isaiah 11:1-11, John 8:14-30, Luke 2:34*

Song: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

Benediction

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Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, (Is. 3:2-3)
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Zech. 4:10, 5:12)

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, (Matt 1:18, 3:16)
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, (1 Kings 3)
the Spirit of counsel and might, (Is. 61:1)
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. (2 Sam 23:2-3)
(The Seven Spirits - Rev 1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6)

³And **his delight** shall be in the fear of the LORD. (Ps 37:4, Jn. 4:33)
He shall not **judge** by what his eyes see, (Jn. 8:14-18,26)
or decide disputes by what his ears hear, (Jn. 12:47-48)

⁴but with **righteousness** he shall judge the poor, (Jn. 7:24), (Matt. 5:3)
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; (Ps 37:11, Matt 5:5)
and **he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth**,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. (Luke 2:34,35)
(Ps. 2:9, Rev 2:27, 12:519:15, Is 49:6, Heb 4:12)

⁵**Righteousness** shall be the belt of his waist,
and **faithfulness** the belt of his loins. (Eph. 6:14)

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, (Is. 65:25)
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD (ISAIAH 6:3)
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples
(John 8:28, 12:32)—of him shall the nations inquire, and **his resting
place shall be glorious**. (Romans 15:12)

A Tender Shoot from a Dry Root

Pastor George Sayour

The HOPE of the Messiah (v. 1)

The EMPOWERING of the Messiah (v. 2)

The CHARACTER of the Messiah (v. 3a, 5)

The RULE of the Messiah (v. 3b, 4)

The EFFECTS of the Messiah (v. 6-10)

*Watch Past Sermons at: youtube.com/meadowviewpca
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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

Prayer Requests

Homebound – Grant Cooper

Service Member – MMFN Zachary Trogdon – US Navy
Norfolk – USS Abraham Lincoln

Annette Kruse – breast cancer surgery after Christmas

Phillip Gibson – (Richard & Jennifer Jones son-in-law)
ongoing recovery w/ minimal pain after successful heart bypass

Sandra Leonard – (sister of Wanda Davis' neighbor) relief from
side effects of chemo

Laurel Williams – (Mara Lovejoy's granddaughter) pain relief &
improved mobility for arthritic knee

Lynne Clodfelter – results of echo; pacemaker procedure

Pat Robertson – (mother of Sybil Ham's son-in-law, Dean)
healing for lung cancer

JoAn Louya – (Donna Swicegood's mother) hospice care

Kathy Rosser – Healing & pain relief following back surgery

PFC Vance Visser – US Army – Fort Drum, New York – final
week of Raven Small Unmanned Aircraft System School

Linda Hill – (friend of Ann Wilcox) – peace & comfort as this is
first Christmas without Ron.

Maria Kuhn – healing & pain relief following broken arm

Pat Morrisey – (Trisha Prevette's aunt) healing & recovery
following stroke

Mahlia – (Skylar Whitmire's 3mo old cousin) – NICU; may be
able to come home before Christmas

JD Everhart – pain relief for mom; sister to return to the Lord

BJ – (Son-in-law of Mara Lovejoy's sister, Jana) ongoing healing:
strength to endure & heal; peace; breathing trials

Tracy Davis – (Mara Lovejoy's neighbor) hospice care.

Miles – (6yo son of Mark Shipton's co-worker) hospitalized with
recurrence of leukemia

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

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

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

Living in the Grace of God

Wednesday Night Activities: *No Wednesday night activities*

Life Groups (contact payllon@meadowviewpca.org)

Christmas at Meadowview

Sun, 12/24: Regular Morning Bible Hour & Worship

Sun, 12/24: Candlelight Service @ 5pm

Upcoming Activities

Sun, 12/17: Youth Christmas Party

Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry December: Dry Pasta and Sauce

Sat, 12/23: Baptist Children's Home Outreach @ 5pm*

Office Closed:

Dec 25 – Jan 1: (Christmas – New Year's Day)

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

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

2023 Faith Promise for Missions as of 12/14/23

2023 Giving: \$60,070.00

2023 Committed: \$90,000.00

Shortfall: (\$29,930.00)

General Fund as of 12/14/2023 Operations

2023 Giving \$725,648.95

2023 Expenses \$774,830.06

Shortfall (\$49,181.11)

