

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord's Day March 17, 2024

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

"We may be very sure that men fall in private long before they fall in public ... Like Peter, they first disregard the Lord's warning to watch and pray; and then, like Peter, their strength is gone, and in the hour of temptation they deny their Lord. The world takes notice of their fall, and scoffs loudly. But the world knows nothing of the real reason."

— J.C. Ryle, Practical Religion

"Either you will be getting your identity vertically, from who you are in Christ, or you will be shopping for it horizontally in the situations, experiences, and relationships of your daily life."

— Paul David Tripp, Dangerous Calling

"An idolatrous attachment can lead you to break any promise, rationalize any indiscretion, or betray any other allegiance, in order to hold on to it. It may drive you to violate all good and proper boundaries. To practice idolatry is to be a slave."

— Tim Keller, Counterfeit gods

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Song: O Worship The King

Song: Arise My Soul Arise

Song: Come As You Are

Confession of Sin

Pastoral Prayer

Declaration of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Doxology

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

Sermon: Judges 8

Song: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Benediction

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Judges 8

⁴ And Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the 300 men who were with him, exhausted yet pursuing. ⁵ So he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian." ⁶ And the officials of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?" ⁷ So Gideon said, "Well then, when the LORD has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will flail your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers." ⁸ And from there he went up to Penuel, and spoke to them in the same way, and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. ⁹ And he said to the men of Penuel, "When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower."

²² Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian." ²³ Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you." ²⁴ And Gideon said to them, "Let me make a request of you: every one of you give me the earrings from his spoil." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) ²⁵ And they answered, "We will willingly give them." And they spread a cloak, and every man threw in it the earrings of his spoil. ²⁶ And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian, and besides the collars that were around the necks of their camels. ²⁷ And Gideon made an ephod of it and put it in his city, in Ophrah, and all Israel whored after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family. ²⁸ So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they raised their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

Gideon IV: When Conquerors Collapse

Pastor Taylor Howsmon

 The Foundation of Collapse (v. 4-

II. The Fixation of Collapse (v. 22-27)

III. The Fallout of Collapse (v. 28)

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

Nursing Home Resident – Katherine Thompson – Lex. Health Care (Debbie Thompson's mother-in-law)

Service Member – MMFN Zachary Trogdon – US Navy (Linda Trogdon's son)

Amy Crafford – (Mara Lovejoy's daughter) newborn will be in NICU for a few days

Mark Arrowood's Sister-in-law – healing following heart surgery

Erica Spencer – (Randy & Rose Wiig's daughter) healing at home

Roger Allen – continued growth and glory to God in all aspects of life **CJ** – (Roger Allen's friend) post-prison reintegration into daily life

Linda Bailey – (Sybil Ham's cousin) inoperable cancer

Luke Shoaf – gallbladder surgery upcoming

Oaklynn Monk - Sam would come back to God

Bri – (Roger Allen's friend) peace & joy; closer walk with Jesus

Trisha Privette – Ashley (niece) MRI to see if she has MS

Sara Bruff – (Ann Wilson's friend) healing following GI surgery

Edward Drake – (Kathy Rosser's son-in-law) healing after surgery

Rebecca Gantt – (Lisa Malek's mom) healing following stroke;

Launa – (Roger Allen's friend) healing from addiction; walk with Christ

Kathy Rosser - relief from back pain

Thomas Frank - (Wayne & Diane Swicegood's friend) surgery

Isaiah Clemmer – salvation; improvement so he can come home

Wayne Swicegood – healing following spinal surgery

Clementine O'Sullivan – (Zack & Heather Livengood friend's 3yo daughter) – healing following brain surgery

Anna Greene – healing at home following heart attack

Mason Cooper – (17yo friend of Ann Wilson) healing after surgery

Christy Hutchens – (request from Oaklynn Monk) headaches

Dean Davis – (Dottie Hopkin's friend) issues due to Agent Orange

Jonathan – (38yo son of Debbie Ogden's friend) heart problems

Christian Overby (Ronnie Overby's 19yo nephew) rare medical condition; salvation

BJ – (Son-in-law of Mara Lovejoy's sister, Jana) ongoing recovery **Jan Beck** – Ongoing healing, strength, increased steadiness on feet

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: Adult Bible Hour: 1 & 2 Timothy

Women's Bible Hour: Hebrews

Living in the Grace of God

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

meal: beef burgundy w/noodles, limas, rolls, salad, dessert

Life Groups (contact payllon@meadowviewpca.org)

Young Adults – thowsmon@meadowviewpca.org /

mclemmer@meadowviewpca.org

Upcoming Activities

Thurs, 3/21 @ 11:30am: Sr. Adult Luncheon – bring side/dessert*

Sat, 3/23 @ 8am: Men's Bible Study

Mon, 4/1 @ 8:00am: Kitchen clean up with Eddie

(Kitchen clean up from Easter Sunday Breakfast)

Fri – Sun 4/19-21: MRPC 75th Anniversary Celebration

Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry: March – Instant Grits (individual packets)

Tue, 3/19 @ 1pm: Blood Drive

Sat, 3/23 10am – 12pm: Foster Kids' Easter Egg Hunt*

Sat, 5/11 @ 9:00am: Car Care

Sat, 6/1: Gotta Mission

*Indicates sign-up requirement/opportunity on bulletin insert



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