



**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 21, 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

“Now, brethren, this is one of our greatest faults in our Christian lives. We are allowing too many rivals of God. We actually have too many gods. We have too many irons in the fire.”

- A.W. Tozer, *I Talk Back to the Devil*

“Pride is a spiritual drunkenness; it flies up like wine into the brain and intoxicates it. It is idolatry; a proud man is a self-worshiper.”

-Thomas Watson, *The Godly Man's Picture*

“By faith, God's people achieve what they never could have done otherwise. In openly miraculous ways, as well as in the more subtle and secret ways, the Lord puts His great power to work for those who trust in Him ... God's people are to have faith in Him, finding deliverance and power and resurrection in the God we believe and trust.”

-Richard Phillips, *Hebrews Reformed ExpositorCommentary*)

# Today's Service

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

**Song:** *How Firm A Foundation*

**Song:** *You Never Let Go*

**Song:** *Psalm 62 ("I'll Not Be Shaken")*

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Declaration of Faith:** *Nicene Creed*

**Doxology**

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

**Sermon:** *Judges 10-12*

**Song:** *In Christ Alone*

**Benediction**

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## Judges 11:29-40

<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites. <sup>30</sup> And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, “If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, <sup>31</sup> then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.” <sup>32</sup> So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. <sup>33</sup> And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

<sup>34</sup> Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. <sup>35</sup> And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, “Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow.” <sup>36</sup> And she said to him, “My father, you have opened your mouth to the LORD; do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has avenged you on your enemies, on the Ammonites.” <sup>37</sup> So she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: leave me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions.” <sup>38</sup> So he said, “Go.” Then he sent her away for two months, and she departed, she and her companions, and wept for her virginity on the mountains. <sup>39</sup> And at the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow that he had made. She had never known a man, and it became a custom in Israel <sup>40</sup> that the daughters of Israel went year by year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

# **Jephthah: Snatching Defeat From The Jaws Of Victory**

Pastor Taylor Howsmon

I. Overshadowed Victory

II. Outrageous Tragedy

III. Ongoing Disintegration

# 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** – Jackie Shelley – Summerstone Health and Rehab

**Service Member** – Carter Beck – US Coast Guard – (Grandson of Homer and Linda Curry)

**Mark Seacrest** – (co-worker of Gerry James) – vertigo

**Tom Mekis** – prostate cancer

**Joy Adams** – (Debbie Thompson's sister-in-law) – healing; pain management; pathology report

**Valory Snyder** - (friend of Ron Oaks) – stage IV pancreatic cancer; comfort and ability to tolerate chemo

**Betty Sunding** – (Debbie Ogden's mother) –peace, comfort, following Betty's death

**Lauralyn Haut** - (Sharon Wikstrom's granddaughter) – 7 weeks of instructive language study in Mexico; protection and guidance

**Cadet Susanna Cross (USAF)** – safety, endurance, comfort of God's presence during Field Training at Maxwell AFB, (July 1-21)

**Baby Evelyn Family** – (newborn granddaughter of Dawn & Michael Koontz, former Meadowview members) – peace; comfort; following Evelyn's death

**Kaye Spaugh** – healing and rehab following total hip replacement

**Wayne Swicegood** - ongoing recovery following spinal cord surgeries

**Doris Trogdon** – healing; rehab at Alston Brook

**Sherri Shoaf** – healing and regained use of hand following surgery

**Rachel Everhart** - ongoing healing; relief from pain; peace, strength

**Sue Wein** – healing, recovery; ongoing treatment following surgery

**BJ** – (Son-in-law of Mara Lovejoy's sister, Jana) continued healing

*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:

Bible Hour: *Traditional Hymns & The Stories Behind Them*

Women's Bible Hour: *10 Words to Live By*

Discovering Meadowview\*

Next class begins Sun., Sept. 1 (see bulletin insert for sign-up)

### Living in the Grace of God

Wed., 7/24: Summer Youth Group

Wednesday night meals and activities resume after Labor Day

### Upcoming Activities

Sat., 7/27 @ 8 am: Men's Bible Study

Sat., 7/27 @ 9 am: Grounds Cleanup Day @ the Church (volunteers needed)

Sat. 8/10 @ 8am: Men's Bible Study

Sat., 8/10 @ 10am: Women of Grace – Kick Off (New Group Name!)

Learn more about upcoming Bible Studies, Operation Christmas Child, and Small Groups. Food and beverages will be provided.

Thurs., 8/22 @ 11:30am: Sr. Adult Luncheon\* meet: The Classic in Denton

Sat., 8/24 from 12:45pm – 5:30pm: "Children of Light" Symposium

Speakers: Dr. Rosaria Butterfield & Dr. James N. Anderson

\$15.00 for Meadowview Members (code=MRPC), Students Free

RYM – High School Youth Retreat: July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

### Ministering the Grace of God

Pastor's Pantry: July – canned vegetables

Sat., 8/10: from 10am – 12pm: Foster Families Pool Party\*

@ Lexington Golf Course Swimming Pool  
(volunteers needed)

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



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