



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 29, 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 are delighted to have longtime Mission partners, Alan and Kim Foster with us for this year's Missions Conference. Pastor Alan has served as the Director of Church Planter Recruitment for Mission to North America (MNA) since 2012. In this vital role in the PCA, Alan helps identify, encourage, and equip PCA Pastors to consider God's call to advance the Gospel through the work of church planting.

“I believe that the gospel should be the foundation of all of ministry efforts. The message of the gospel of grace is the only thing that can change a human heart, and heart change should be the focus of all ministry. The gospel is not about what we are supposed to do for God, but what he has done, and continues to do, for us through the perfect life and the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. This message is not for unbelievers only, but also for the people of God. We grow in Christ the same way that we are converted to Christ, not through Biblical principles, but by applying the gospel to every area of life. The Christian life is nothing more (or nothing less) than a lifetime of living out the implications of the cross.” – Pastor Alan Foster



Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 22:25-28*

Song: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Song: *Psalm 103*

Song: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we confess that we may approach you with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs.

O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. Amen.

Declaration of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One True Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

Sermon: *Matthew 9:35-38 "Laborers for the Harvest"*

Song: *His Mercy Is More*

Benediction

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion for them**, because they were harassed and helpless, **like sheep without a shepherd.**

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “**The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;**

³⁸ therefore **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**”

Laborers for the Harvest

Pastor Alan Foster, MNA

The Context:

- The Harvest
- The Laborers
- The Hostility

The Heart of Jesus

- Jesus saw
- Jesus felt Compassion
- Jesus is Excited
- Jesus tells us to Pray

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*

- Homebound** – Jackie Shelley – Summerstone Health and Rehab
Service Member – Carter Beck – US Coast Guard – (Grandson of Homer and Linda Curry)
Laurel Williams – (Mara Lovejoy’s granddaughter) – pray that her seizure medication can be adjusted effectively
Lisa Davis – (Mara Lovejoy’s neighbor) – peace, comfort, following the death of her father; healing for mom dealing with heart issues
Gary and Karen Pfohl – Hospice home care for Gary; peace, wisdom for next steps
Renee James – relief from back pain
Doris Trogdon – peace, continued healing, upcoming surgery to remove right kidney
Trudy Frank – (friend of Gay Hutchins) – healing
Mary Williams – (friend of Gay Hutchins) – healing; help with care of husband who has dementia
Sherry Walsler – healing; pain relief, from injuries received from a fall
James Pressley – (brother of Kent Pressley & Kathy Snider)- bladder cancer
Don Hunter – (neighbor of Gordy and Mandy Swaim) – cardiac rehab; ongoing healing and strength
Daniel Read – (cousin of Emily Johnson) – healing; good prognosis, and treatment of migraines; more tests in October
David Bowen – (brother of Ali Shoaf) – provision of a new job
Ali Shoaf – wisdom to learn and retain material in PTA Program
BJ – (Son-in-law of Mara Lovejoy’s sister, Jana) – continued healing following successful surgery
Kathy Snider – Assessment results; strength; improved balance; relief from fatigue
Kendall and Lainey Shoaf – (Premie newborns of Karen Shoaf’s nephew/wife) – continued digestive and respiratory development; praise for the Lord’s presence with the family
Nick Livengood - (Zack Livengood’s older brother) – successful procedure, pray that he will not develop infection; complete healing
Tom Mekis – stage IV prostate cancer; healing; peace; wisdom for next steps
Rachel Everhart - ongoing healing; relief from pain; peace, strength
Sue Wein – healing, recovery; ongoing treatment following surgery

*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: Sundays

- 8:30-8:50am – Pray for Worship in the Library (all are welcome)
- 9am Bible Hour
Children’s Bible Hour: Scott and Ruth Hill
Youth & Adult Bible Hour (Worship Center):
Steve Jessen, Chuck and Jimmie Lynn Linkston,
Vessels of Mercy, and Nelson and Nidia Ayllon
- 10:30am Worship

Living in the Grace of God

Wed. 10/2 – Meal & Activities: 5:00 – 7:15 pm

- 5 PM: Meatloaf, Lima Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, & Dessert
- 5:45-6:15 Prayer Group
- 5:45 Youth / 6:00 Children
- 6:15 Adult Class “The Majesty of Mystery” –
Leaning into Christian Paradox

Sat. 10/5: **Men’s Bible Study @ 8:00 am**

Sat. 10/5: **Men’s Day at the Lake @ 3 pm***: *Bring a side dish/dessert*

Sat. 10/12: **Ground’s clean up @ 9 am**

Oct. 18-20: **Fall Youth Retreat** – Camp Mundo Vista, Sophia, NC*

Thurs. 10/24: **Senior Adult Luncheon @ 11:30 am***- *Guest Speaker:*
*Cathy Robertson with Davidson Prison Ministry. *Bring a side dish or*
dessert.

Nov. 1 & 2: **Men’s Conference:** Friday Evening & Saturday Morning*
(*see bulletin insert to sign up)

Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor’s Pantry: October – Hamburger Helper
- Baptist Children’s Home Outreach – Trunk or Treat 10/31

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

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

