



MEADOWVIEW

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord’s Day
March 16, 2025

*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

All the ideas of Christianity might be discovered in some other religion, yet there would be in that other religion no Christianity. For Christianity depends, not upon a complex of ideas, but upon the narration of an event. Without that event, the world, in the Christian view, is altogether dark, and humanity is lost under the guilt of sin. There can be no salvation by the discovery of eternal truth, for eternal truth brings naught but despair, because of sin. But a new face has been put upon life by the blessed thing that God did when He offered up His only begotten Son.

- J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*

If you are hopeless, there may be many contributors, but two are certain: 1) You have placed your hope in something other than God...and it has let you down. 2) You may understand that Jesus conquered death, but you live as though He is still in the grave. All hopelessness is ultimately a denial of the resurrection.

-Ed Welch, *Depression: A Stubborn Darkness*

I hang by a thread, but it is of Christ's spinning

-Samuel Rutherford, *Letters of Rev. Samuel Rutherford*

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Deuteronomy 4:36-39*

Song: *The Solid Rock*

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Song: *Lord I Need You*

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Loving Heavenly Father, You alone are the Creator and Sustainer of all things. You love us with better love than any we could ever know here on earth, and we stand in awe of Your power and commitment to cherish us.

Yet even though we have tasted Your goodness, we are people who would rather trust in ourselves. We place our hope in our own talents and abilities, in relationships with people we admire and love, in our jobs and good health, in our economic value and academic abilities. We even place hope in our spiritual disciplines. Father, we are worshippers of ourselves, and we find our hearts full of anxiety when we discover that we cannot save ourselves in any way.

Jesus, if You had not lived a perfect life for us, we could never have hope or peace. We marvel that You would consider us a joy worth suffering for, and we bow humbly before You and offer You our praise, our thanks, and our very lives.

Holy Spirit, teach us to be still and know that You are God and we are not. Show us the unstoppable love of our Savior, who was stricken for our sin, and who stands in heaven as our powerful Advocate. In His name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism Q. #74

Q. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.

Doxology

Sermon: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

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

Benediction

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Pastor Taylor Howsmon

I. The Importance of Living Hope

II. The Security of Living Hope

III. The Person of Living Hope

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 – recovering; doing much better
- Service Member** – Carter Beck – US Coast Guard – (Grandson of Homer and Linda Curry)
- Ryan Leik** – (husband of Debbie Thompson’s cousin) – salvation; mass in stomach; end of life care; peace and comfort for family
- Beryl Hopkins** – (Renee James’ dad) – mass in stomach; good biopsy/CT results; salvation
- Pastor George** – peace; comfort; following the death of his grandfather
- Jim Oakes** – (brother of Ron Oakes) – return of cancer in his skull; awaiting options from his oncologist
- Sharon** – (cousin of Debbie Ogden) – lymphoma; effectiveness of chemo
- Larry Ogden** – spinal cord damaged; impacting his balance; healing
- Linda Hopkins** – (Renee James’ stepmother) – multiple health issues, cancer; healing, strength, and wisdom
- Kathy Snider** – healing for PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)
- Joyce Rector** - rebuilding strength at home
- Ray Williams** – conviction; repentance; salvation
- John Warwick** – terminal cancer; not long to live; salvation
- Polly Tobias** – (sister of Martha Carrick and Mary Leitch) - stroke
- BJ** – (Son-in-law of Mara Lovejoy’s sister) – ongoing recovery; mental healing; spiritual awakening
- Chuck Curry** – (Jan Beck’s brother) – Parkinson’s
- Paul Curry** – (Jan Beck’s brother) – liver cancer
- Matt Young** – (grandson of Betty Milam) - praise; negative biopsy results; upcoming PET scan to check lymph nodes
- Carolyn Yates** - (Kent Pressley’s sister) – balance issues; upcoming MRI
- David Pressley**- (brother of Kent Pressley & Kathy Snider) – prostate cancer
- Kim Swicegood** – (Mark Shipton’s cousin) – cancer treatment
- James Pressley** – (brother of Kent Pressley & Kathy Snider) – bladder cancer
- Ali Shoaf** – wisdom to learn and retain material in PTA Program
- Tom Mekis** – stage IV prostate cancer; peace, wisdom for next steps
- Rachel Everhart** - ongoing healing; relief from pain; peace, strength

*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 (Library, all are welcome)
- 9am Bible Hour
 - The Heidelberg Catechism (Fellowship Hall)
 - Women's Bible Hour: *The Book of Acts* (Room 203)
- 10:30am Worship

Living in the Grace of God

Wed. 3/19 - Meal & Activities: 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- 5 pm: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Salad, & Dessert
- 5:45-6:15 Prayer Group
- 5:45 Youth / 6:00 Children
- 6:15 Adult Class: The Heart of Evangelism

Sat. 3/22: **Men's Bible Study** @ 8 am

Thur. 3/27: **Senior Adult Luncheon*** @ 11:30 am – bring a side/dessert
(*see bulletin insert to sign up)

Fri. 3/28: **Women's Ministry Game Night** @ 6:30 pm – bring a snack and a game to share. All ages are welcome.

Fri. 4/04: **Men's Bowling & Pizza** at the YMCA* @ 5:30 pm
(*see bulletin insert to sign up)

Sat. 4/05: **Church "Spring Cleaning" & Grounds Clean Up** @ 9 am

Fri. 5/30: **Church-wide Trip to Lynchburg, VA** - (for details, contact Sherri Shoaf - sewshoaf@gmail.com or 336-239-3999)

"Officer Nominations are Open": We are taking Officer Nominations during the month of March this year. Forms are located in the Narthex.

Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor's Pantry: March – Instant Grits (individual packs)
- Foster Families Easter Egg Hunt: 4/19 @ 10 am
- Baptist Children's Home Easter Egg Hunt: 4/19 @ 5:30 pm

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

For more info, scan the QR code or visit MeadowviewPCA.org/events

General Fund

	January	February
Giving	\$40,548.07	\$45,606.39
Expenses	\$56,505.17	\$48,385.28
Difference	\$15,957.10	\$ 2,778.89

Faith Promise / Missions

Total Giving: \$3,486.00
Expected Annual Expenses: \$70,000

