



# 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 30, 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

**“If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.” – 2 Timothy 2:13**

This verse pictures a radically different way of living, one not natural to most of us. Most human beings buy into a view of life characterized by the “life is on your shoulders”...In this view you are master of your fate. You have little to rely on other than your instincts, your strength, the wisdom that you’ve collected over the years, your ability to anticipate what is around the corner, your character and maturity, and the natural gifts you have been given. It is a scary “you against the world” way of living.

But, your welcome into God’s family turns all of this upside down...It is about God covenantally committing himself to be faithful to you forever...You can take your life off your shoulders because God has placed it on his. This doesn’t mean that it doesn’t matter how you live, but that **your security is not found in your faithfulness, but in His!** He can be trusted when you cannot. He will be faithful and good even when you’re not. He will do what is right and best even when you don’t. And he is **faithful** to forgive you when convicting grace reveals how unfaithful you have been...

**His grace calls you to invest in the one thing that will never come up short, and that one thing is the faithfulness of your Lord.**

- Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies: A Gospel Devotional*,  
January 13.

## Today's Service

### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 34:1-8*

**Song:** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**Song:** *Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*

**Song:** *How Great Is Our God*

### Corporate Confession of Sin:

O God, we bless You for the happy moment when we first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved.

Forgive us when we have tried to add anything to the one foundation, when we have unconsciously relied upon our knowledge, experience, deeds, and not seen them as filthy rags, when we have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ; May our cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus!

Holy Spirit, if we backslide, let us like Peter weep bitterly and return to Him; If we are tempted and have no wit, give us strength enough to trust in Him; If driven to the verge of hope and to the pit of despair, grant us grace to fall into His arms. O God, hear us, do for us more than we ask, think, or dream. Amen.

### Reception of New Members

### Declaration of Faith: *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 27 & Q. 28*

Q. 27 Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28 Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

### Gloria Patri

**Sermon:** *John 18:15-33 "Faith in His Faithfulness"*

**Song:** *The Power Of The Cross*

**Benediction**

## John 18:15 – 33 (Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22)

**[Denial 1]**<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest (John 21:24), he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,<sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in.<sup>17</sup> **The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”** He said, “I am not.”<sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

**[Annas & Caiaphas]**<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus **about his disciples and his teaching.**<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.<sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? **Ask those who have heard me what I said** to them; they know what I said.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by **struck Jesus** with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, **bear witness** about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Cor 13:31; Hebrews 10:28)<sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. (John 11:49; 18:14)

**[Denial 2&3]**<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” **He denied it and said, “I am not.”**<sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”<sup>27</sup> **Peter again denied it**, and at once a rooster crowed. (John 13:38)

**[Pilate]**<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, **so that they would not be defiled**, but could eat the Passover.<sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”<sup>30</sup> They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.”<sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”<sup>32</sup> **This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.** (John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32-34)<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” (John 1:49; 6:15; 12:13-15)

## **Faith in His Faithfulness!**

Pastor George Sayour

A Sorry State of Affairs

A Sympathetic & Faithful High Priest

A Story Still Unfolding

### Further Study:

- Betrayal & Abandonment: Psalms 41:9; 72:12; 88:8-18; 142:4
- False Accusations: Psalms 7, 27, 35, 64, 109, 141
- Denying Christ: Matthew 10:32-33; 1 John 2:22-23
- Forgiveness: 2 Timothy 2:13; John 16:32-33
- Empowered: Luke 12:11-12; Matt 10:19-20; Acts 2:23, 36; 4:10

## 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)

**Pastor George Sayour & family** – peace and comfort following the recent, close deaths of his grandparents, George and Violet Zaloom

**Brian Absha** – (Mark Shipton's co-worker) – hospitalized; blood clots

**Laurel Williams** – (Mara Lovejoy's 8 yr. old granddaughter) – Angelman Syndrome; wisdom, patience and improvement of behavioral issues

**Suzan Bank's Mom** – hospice care; comfort, pain relief; peace, comfort for the family

**Janet Leik** – (cousin of Debbie Thompson) – peace and comfort following the death of husband Ryan; funeral service on Saturday, 3-29

**Beryl Hopkins** – (Renee James' dad) – salvation; treatment of cancer

**Jim Oakes** – (brother of Ron Oakes) – begins fusions, every 6 weeks, on 4/2; wisdom regarding other options; good biopsy results

**Sharon** – (cousin of Debbie Ogden) – lymphoma; effectiveness of chemo

**Linda Hopkins** – (Renee James' stepmother) – multiple health issues, cancer; healing, strength, and wisdom

**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

*I will thank you forever, because You have done it. I will wait for Your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly. (Psalm52:9)*

# 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. 4/02: Meal & Activities: 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- 5 pm: Mexican Casserole, Corn, Baked Apples, Salad, & Dessert
- 5:45-6:15 Prayer Group
- 5:45 Youth / 6:00 Children
- 6:15 Adult Class: The Heart of Evangelism

### Fri. 4/04: Men's Bowling & Pizza at the YMCA\* @ 5:30 pm

(\*see bulletin insert to sign up)

### Sat. 4/05: Men's Bible Study @ 8 am

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

### Thur. 4/17: Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm

### Sun. 4/20: Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ 7 am

#### Easter Worship Service @ 9 am

### Thur. 4/24: Senior Adult Luncheon\* @ 11:30 am –

(\*see bulletin insert to sign up) Bring a side dish/dessert to share.

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

## Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor's Pantry: April – Dried Beans and Rice
- 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](http://MeadowviewPCA.org/events)

