



# MEADOWVIEW

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

**The Lord's Day**  
April 6, 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

*Faith isn't natural for us. Doubt is, fear is, and pride is, but faith in the words and works of another isn't, and for that there's grace.*

He has called you to live by faith. Now, here's the rub. Faith is not normal for us. Faith is frankly a counterintuitive way for us to live. Doubt is quite natural for us. Wondering what God is doing is natural...Wanting to give up is natural. **It's normal to be occasionally haunted by the question of whether what you have staked your life on is really True.** But faith isn't natural.

This means that faith isn't something you can work up inside yourself. Faith comes to you as God's gift of grace: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). Not only is your salvation a gift of God, but the faith to embrace it is his gift as well...

Could it be that all of those things that come your way **that confuse you and that you never would've chosen for yourself are God's tools to build your faith?**...You don't have to hide in guilt when weak faith gets you off the path, because your hope in life isn't your faithfulness, but His. You can run in weakness and once again seek his strength. And you can know that in zealous grace he will not leave his craftwork until faith fully rules your heart unchallenged. He always gives freely what we need in order to do what he calls us to do.

- Paul David Trip, *New Morning Mercies*, February 12.

## Today's Service

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** *Psalm 25:1-5*

**Song:** *Hallelujah What A Savior*

**Song:** *God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51)*

### **Corporate Confession of Sin:**

Sovereign Lord of the universe, our hearts are full of sinful thoughts and worries, and we cannot create faith in ourselves at all. When we feel that You are absent, we sink into distress and are tempted to many kinds of sin. We lie to protect ourselves, because we do not trust You with our safety, welfare, and reputation. We lie to impress people because we fear that You do not love us, so we look for the love and praise of others instead. Father, forgive us for the many ways in which we lie to one another, and forgive us for the deep idolatries behind those lies.

Wonderful Savior, You spoke only truth so that You could give us the perfect righteousness that we need to stand before God without fear. Thank You for your lack of fear of what man could do to You, even when they lied about You and did their worst to You. Thank You for Your joyful commitment to love and serve those whom You came to save.

Holy Spirit, renew the spirit of our minds with the truths of the gospel, and helps us to put off falsehood and put on truthfulness. Show us the fears, the idolatries that lead us into sin so that we can repent and worship You in truth. Let us find healing joy in the love of Christ. Give us a confidence in You that is so bold that we will move powerfully toward one another in honesty and love. In Christ's name, Amen.

### **Reception of New Member**

**Declaration of Faith:** *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 23 & Q. 24*

Q. 23 What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer? A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24 How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? A. Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

### **Doxology**

**Sermon:** *John 18:33-40 "What Is Truth?"*

**Song:** *His Mercy Is More*

### **The Lord's Supper**

**Song:** *I Will Glory In My Redeemer*

### **Benediction**

## John 18:33-40

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, **“Are you the King of the Jews?”**

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, **“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”**

<sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, **“So you are a king?”**

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to **bear witness to the TRUTH. Everyone who is of the TRUTH listens to my voice.**” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, **“What is TRUTH?”**

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, **“I find no guilt in him.”** <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you **the King of the Jews?**”

<sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

# **What is Truth?**

Pastor George Sayour

Questioning, What is TRUTH?

Bearing Witness to the TRUTH

Born of the TRUTH

## **Truth in John's Gospel**

“I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” -John 14:6

- John 1:14, 17; 4:23-24; 5:33
- John 8:31-46; 14:6, 17; 15:26
- 16:7, 13; 17:8, 17, 19; 18:37-38; 19:35

## 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)

**Bonnie Jones** – (sister of Kent Pressley/Kathy Snider) – medical issues

**Annette Pressley** – (Kent Pressley's sister-in-law) – recovering from a stroke

**Ann Harrison** – (friend of Charlie and Betty Milam) – cancer; pre-op appt.  
on Monday

**Roger Allen's Cousin** – chest pain; good test results

**Jean Barber** – (Amy Steiner's mother) – healing for broken femur

**Diana Clemmer** – improved oxygen levels; healing of cancer

**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

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

**Jim Oakes** – (brother of Ron Oakes) – biopsy results; received his first fusion  
treatment on 4/2

**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

**Chuck Curry** – (Jan Beck's brother) – Parkinson's

**Paul Curry** – (Jan Beck's brother) – liver cancer

**Matt Young** – (grandson of Betty Milam) – upcoming PET scan

**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. (Psalm 52:9)*

# 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. 4/09: **Meal & Activities:** 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- 5 pm: BBQ, Slaw, Tator Tots, Salad, & Dessert
- 5:45-6:15 Prayer Group
- 5:45 Youth / 6:00 Children
- 6:15 Adult Class: The Heart of Evangelism

Sat. 4/12: **Men's Bible Study @ 8 am**

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

Sun. 4/20: **Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ 7 am**  
**Easter Worship Service @ 9 am**

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

General Fund as of 3/31

### **Faith Promise**

Income: \$11,341.00

Expense: \$13,302.12

### **Operations**

Income: \$153,733.31

Expense: \$199,612.75

