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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

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Resurrection Sunday
April 20, 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

Dear Meadowview Family and Visitors,

Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

As we've been studying John's Gospel this year, we have seen how John has presented Jesus Christ as the *Good Shepherd*, *the Resurrection and the Life*, and the *Way the Truth and the Life*. He is the *Light of the World* who gives eternal Life. The word "eternal" that John uses in the Greek is not just a word depicting Quantity, as in life into eternity. It is a word that also depicts the Quality of that life. We can have Eternal Life now; the kind of life mankind was created to have when originally created in the Garden, to be fully known and truly loved. We can have that now, even as we await a Garden-like existence, full of adventure and free from evil, pain, and shame in the presence of our creator and savior.

That is what Jesus Christ offers. We receive it by faith.

International scholar, philosopher, and theologian, Christopher Watkin (University of Cambridge) puts it this way in his latest work, aptly subtitled "How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture."

To take account of the resurrection of Christ is to wake up in a new reality, strikingly different to the world inhabited by those for whom Christ rising from the dead is a myth or hoax. It transforms our sense of who we are in the world, what we are to do, and why we are to do it. (p.435)

John's whole purpose for writing His Gospel is
so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31).

Jesus in fact says,

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"
(John 10:10)

So I ask you, Do you have Real Life, Abundant Life, Overflowing Life, Now? The life that can only come by Faith in the Resurrected Christ?

If you are unsure of the answer to this question, but would like to learn more, we hope you'll join us in the coming weeks as we continue to preach, teach, and proclaim the Gospel of Grace, which is the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ! He will change your Life!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor George

Upcoming Events

Savoring the Grace of God: Sundays

- 8:30-8:50am – Pray for Worship (Library, all are welcome)

No Bible Hour Today

Living in the Grace of God

Mon. 4/21: **Church Office Closed : Easter Monday**

Wed. 4/23: **No Wednesday Night Activities**

Sat. 4/26: **Men's Bible Study @ 8 am**

Sat. 5/10: **Gotta Mission**

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

Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor's Pantry: April – Dried Beans and Rice
- Car Care Ministry: 5/10 @ 9 am
- Blood Drive: 5/06 @ 1:00 pm
(sign up @ donor.oneblood.org)

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

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



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 & Linda Curry)
Brad Dach – successful PT and recovery, following total knee replacement
Stacey Yarbrough – (Wesley & Kathy Yarbrough’s daughter-in-law) – peace and comfort following the death of her father, Tim Everhart
Jim Oakes – (brother of Ron Oakes) – Squamous cell cancer; surgery 4/25
Baby Isaiah – (infant son of Wanda Davis’s granddaughter, Rebecca) – healing for congestion and ear infection; protection from pneumonia
Janet Holt – healing, after successful rotator cuff surgery
Diana Young – biopsy results; healing, answers; upcoming CT scan
Emily Johnson – stomach issues; relief, diagnosis, effective treatment plan
Jessie and Janet King – salvation of loved ones
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 surgery, 4/22
Roger Allen’s Cousin – chest pain; good test results
Jean Barber – (Amy Steiner’s mother) – healing for broken femur head
Diana Clemmer – improved oxygen levels; healing of cancer
Brian Absha – (Mark Shipton’s co-worker) – hospitalized; blood clots
Laurel Williams – (Mara Lovejoy’s 8 yr. old granddaughter) – Angelman Syndrome; wisdom, patience; improvement of behavioral issues
Suzan Banks – peace and comfort, following the death of her mother
Beryl Hopkins – (Renee James’ dad) – cancer; hospice home care; salvation for he and his wife, Linda; endurance for Linda
Sharon – (cousin of Debbie Ogden) – lymphoma; effectiveness of chemo
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)

Today’s Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 30:4-5; Job 19:25*
Song: *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*
Song: *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*
Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Corporate Prayer: *The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever, 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: John 19:41-20:18 “Resurrection Access”

Song: *Christ The True And Better*

Song: *Jesus Paid It All*

Benediction

John 19:41- 20:18

Resurrection Access
Pastor George Sayour

⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified **there was a garden**, and in the **garden** a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and **saw that the stone had been taken away** from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, **he saw the cloths lying there**, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ **and the face cloth**, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and **he saw and believed**; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand **the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead**. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ **But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she** stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she **saw two angels** in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ **Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”**

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending **to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.**’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “**I have seen the Lord**”—and that he had said these things to her.

Why are You Weeping, Whom are you Seeking?

A New Garden and a New Gardener

Open Door & Open Heart