



**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 27, 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**

### **C.S. Lewis Quotes on Faith and Christianity**

Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding on to the things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods... That is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods “where they get off,” you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist.

The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go, God’s love for us does not...

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else...

If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world...

God can’t give us Peace and Happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing...

## Today's Service

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** *Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

**Song:** *Immortal Invisible*

**Song:** *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

**Song:** *Psalms 62*

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

Merciful Father, we confess our incredible lack of faith in the reality of the resurrection. We often live in defiant doubt of Your resurrection, evidenced by our idolatrous and self-centered lives. It is shocking and almost inconceivable that You would allow Your Son to bear the just and holy wrath that was reserved for us, even to the point of death.

Yet You have sealed the promise of our forgiveness and perfect salvation by raising Him from the grave, victorious over death itself. Forgive us, Lord, for this abuse of Your priceless gift. We confess that when we sin, we live as though Christ never left the tomb. Deliver us from this living death, we pray.

Holy Spirit, help us to be children who live by faith and not by sight. Impress upon us the reality of Jesus' hands in heaven, forever bearing the scars that proclaim that the punishment for our sins has been paid in full. Help and strengthen us to become people of growing faith who hate our sin and run from it until love's redeeming work is completely finished. In the name of our victorious Savior we pray, Amen.

### **Declaration of Faith:** *Heidelberg Catechism Q. #1*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death? A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven, in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

### **Doxology**

**Sermon:** John 20:19-31 "Choose Faith, Choose Life, Choose Christ"

**Song:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

### **Benediction**

## John 20:19 - 31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being *locked* where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **Peace be with you.** <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, **Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.**

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, **he breathed on them** and said to them, **Receive the Holy Spirit.** <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, **Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never Believe.**”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were *locked*, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **Peace be with you.** <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side.

**Do not disBelieve, but Believe.**”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, **My Lord and my God!**”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, **Have you Believed** because you have Seen me?

**Blessed are those who have not Seen and yet have Believed.**”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

<sup>31</sup> but these are written 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.

## **Choose Faith, Choose Life, Choose Christ**

Pastor Georg Saylor

*“Do Not DisBelieve, But Believe” v.27*

### **Choose PEACE from Christ - Fear or Peace** (19,21,26)

- Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:4-7

### **Choose FAITH in Christ - Disbelief or Belief** (25,27,29,31)

- Mark 9:24; John 6:68; John 14:11; Joshua 24:15

### **Choose LIFE through Christ - Locked or Life** (19,20,26,28,31)

- Deut 30:19; John 3:15-16; 5:24; 10:10

## 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 & Linda Curry)

**Tyler Sink** – (request from Becky Swicegood) – broken leg from dirt bike accident; healing from surgery

**Jeanette Leopold** – peace; comfort, following the loss of her son Jeff.

**Sydney Prevet** – (Paul & Patricia Prevet's daughter-in-law) - healing

**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) – relief from congestion; breathing treatments

**Janet Holt** – healing, after successful rotator cuff surgery

**Diana Young** – good CT results; healing for her GI issues

**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) – healing, recovery,

**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; adjustments to medications; complete healing

**Suzan Banks** – peace and comfort, following the death of her mother

**Beryl Hopkins** – (Renee James' dad) – hospice home care; salvation; salvation and endurance for wife, 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

**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. 4/30: **Meal & Activities:** 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

- 5 pm: Breakfast for Dinner
- 5:45-6:15 Prayer Group
- 5:45 Youth / 6:00 Children
- 6:15 Adult Class: The Heart of Evangelism

**Pastoral Search Prayer Vigil: May 1-2** (begins at 7am on May 1st & ends at 7am on May 2nd) – 1 hour time slots are available on our SignUp Genius page which can be accessed through the link on the Friday email or the Church website calendar. For questions, please contact the church office at (336) 249-2680.

Sat. 5/03: **Men's Bible Study @ 8 am**

Sun. 5/04: **VBS Volunteer Interest Meeting** – immediately after the Worship Service. We will meet in the Children's Wing.

Sat. 5/10: **Gotta Mission** – (sign- up sheets located in the Narthex)

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: May – canned pasta (any variety)
- Blood Drive: 5/06 @ 1 pm (sign up @ [donor.oneblood.org](http://donor.oneblood.org))
- Car Care Ministry 5/10 @ 9 am

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

**For more info, scan the QR code or visit [MeadowviewPCA.org/events](http://MeadowviewPCA.org/events)**

