



MEADOWVIEW

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord’s Day
May 18, 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 looks to Christ as dead, buried and ascended;
And hope to His second coming.

Faith looks to Him for Justification;
Hope for glory.

Faith fights for doctrine;
Hope for reward.

Faith for what is in the Bible;
Hope for what is in heaven.

Faith purifies the heart from bad principles;
Hope from bad manners (2 Peter 3:11, 14)

Faith sets hope at work;
Hope sets patience at work.

Faith says to hope, “Look for what is promised”;
Hope says to faith, “So I do & will wait for it too.”

Faith looks through the word of God in Christ;
Hope looks through faith, beyond the world, to glory.

-John Bunyan, *Riches* , Quoted in “Ore from the Puritans Mind,” 176.

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 100*

Song: *Rejoice The Lord Is King*

Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Song: *Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Father, forgive us for our lack of faith. In moments of suffering, we have looked for wisdom from this world, comforting ourselves with man-made schemes to deal with our pain or escaping to addictive patterns of numbing behavior. Our vision of what You are doing in our lives in the midst of suffering is often clouded by fear and anger, and we have consistently settled for our own limited, self-centered vision as the final word of truth.

Spirit of God, bind our wandering hearts to You. When we suffer, teach us to count the cost as joy and strengthen our belief that You always have redemptive purposes in the suffering of Your children, as we see so clearly in the cross of Christ. Enable us to cry out for wisdom when we lack it, and humble us to see that we lack wisdom often. Grow our faith in the promise that we do not need to fear. For you have called us by name; we are yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reception of New Members and Baptisms

Declaration of Faith: *Romans 5:1-5*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Doxology

Sermon: John 16:16-33 “Overcoming the World”

Song: *All Things New Again*

Benediction

John 16:16-33

16 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away...⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

16 “A little while, & you will see me no longer; & again a little while, & you will see me.”¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, & you will not see me, & again a little while, & you will see me’; &, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while & you will not see me, & again a little while & you will see me’?²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will *weep & lament*, but the world will **rejoice**. You will be sorrowful, **but your sorrow will turn into joy**.

21 **When a woman is giving birth**, she has *sorrow* because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the *anguish*, for **joy** that a human being has been born into the world.²² So also you have *sorrow* now, but I will see you again, & your hearts will **rejoice**, & no one will take your **joy** from you.²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, & you will receive, that your **joy** may be full.

25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, & I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;²⁷ **for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me & have believed that I came from God.**²⁸ I came from the Father & have come into the world, & now I am leaving the world & going to the Father.”

29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly & not using figurative speech!³⁰ Now we know that you know all things & do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “**Do you now believe?**³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, & will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. **But take heart; I have overcome the world.**”

Overcoming the World

Pastor George Sayour

Confusion and Lament (v. 17-19, 29-31)

Consolation in Life (v. 20-29)

Conquered by Love (v. 20, 25-27, 33)

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)

Eric Harrison – peace and comfort following the death of his mother

Molly Kuhn – (Ken and Marie Kuhn's daughter in law) – healing, pain management following surgery; MRI and pathology results; increased strength for left side of body

Linda Jarvis – (friend of Paul and Lynn Clodfelter) – recovering from a heart attack; please pray for her family

Joey Swicegood – pain relief for back following injections

Sybil Ham – shoulder surgery 5/28

Renee James – peace; comfort, following death of father, Beryl Hopkins

Bruce and Mary Lynn Tussey – strength; endurance

Sydney Prevette – (daughter in law of Paul & Trisha Prevette) – no surgery needed to repair hole in heart; MRI showed no brain damage.

Shannon Thompson – (Jessica James' father) – cancer; salvation, healing, test results

Jim Oakes – (brother of Ron Oakes) – wisdom; upcoming PET scan

Janet Holt – healing, after successful rotator cuff surgery

Diana Young – CT scan normal; continued progress

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) – follow up appointment

Diana Clemmer – improved oxygen levels; healing of cancer

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

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) – prostate cancer

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: “Identity Theft” - (Room 203)
- 10:30am Worship

Living in the Grace of God

Wed. 5/21: End of Wednesday Night Activities

- 5 pm: Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fixings, Chips, & Dessert
- 6 pm: Waterslide/Water Fun for the Kids -
(bring bathing suit/towel)

Thur. 5/22: **Senior Adult Luncheon:** 11:30 am – Pastor George will be our speaker. Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Thur. 5/22: **“Mom’s and Littles”** - to learn more about this new group, contact, Annelese Bartlett at annelese.e.bartlett@gmail.com

Sat. 5/24: **No Men’s Bible Study**- Memorial Day

Mon. 5/26: The Church Office will be closed for Memorial Day

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

- Alpha Pregnancy Baby Bottle Drive – month of May
(return Bottles by Sun., 5/25)
- Pastor’s Pantry: May – canned pasta (any variety)
- Sheds of Hope Building Ministry Project – June 20-21
(see Mike Maness for more information)

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

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

