MEADOWVIEW

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord's Day

July 13, 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 you're God's child, you are a gallery of his glorious grace. The walls of your heart have been festooned with the gorgeous artwork of redemption: wisdom for the foolishness of sin, power for the weakness of sin, forgiveness for the guilt of sin, done for you and happening within you.

Yet I have this concern—for many believers, the artwork is there, but the lights are out in the gallery. These believers simply don't see or fully understand the stunning beauty of what they have been given in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. And because they don't see or understand that grace, they neither celebrate it nor live in light of its majesty.

So they give way to weakness when power is at their disposal. They give way to foolishness when they have been personally connected to the One who is wisdom. They hide in guilt when they have been fully forgiven. They surrender to addiction when they have been given freeing grace. Their hearts have been decorated with the artwork of grace, but the lights are out in the gallery. How sad! What about you? Are the lights on, and has that radically changed the way you live?

–"Paul Tripp, New Morning Mercies, June 9"

Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Psalm 32:1,2,10,11*
Song: *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*
Song: *The Sands Of Time Are Sinking*
Song: *Be Thou My Vision*

Confession of Sin:

Father,

We confess that we are not faithful followers of You. We have harbored sinful hopes and fears, and we confess that we are unfit to choose for ourselves and direct our own steps. How can we ever thank You for Your faithful patience with us, Your unfaithful children? Father, forgive us.

Lord Jesus, You have done all things well for us. Though we are weak and inconsistent, You never change and You never will. Our weak and faltering faith finds a strong and steady resting place in Your perfect strength, goodness, and love.

Holy Spirit, thank You for that faith, sometimes great and sometimes very small, which gives us entrance into Your presence. Carry on Your work, regardless of our stubbornness and apathy. May we be made rich in faith: strong in its power, joyful in its sweetness, vigorous in its nourishment, steady in its source. In Christ's name, Amen.

Declaration of Faith*: Ephesians 2:4-6*

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Gloria Patri
Sermon: *Romans 4 "Half-Hearted Full Faith Credit"*
Song: *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
Benediction

Romans 4

4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has **something to boast about**, but not before God. **3** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and *IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM* as righteousness." **4** Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. **5** And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, *HIS FAITH IS COUNTED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS*, **6** just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

16 That is why **IT DEPENDS ON FAITH**, in order **THAT THE PROMISE MAY REST ON GRACE** and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, **17** as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18 **In hope he believed against hope**, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." **19** **He did not weaken in faith** when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **20** **No unbelief made him waver** concerning the promise of God, but **he grew strong in his faith** as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 That is why his faith was *"COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."* **23** But the words *"IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM"* were not written for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be *COUNTED TO US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM* who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Half-Hearted Full Faith Credit
Pastor George Sayour

The Struggle of Faith

The Grace of Faith

The Credit of Faith

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

Homebound – Jackie Shelley – Summerstone Health and Rehab – recovering
Missionary – Malawi Reformation Network
Service – Carter Beck – Coast Guard – (Grandson of Homer/ Linda Curry)
Barbara Rogers – peace, comfort, following death of husband, Tommy
Chub Hege - healing
Glen Gray – (request from Lori Gray) – hopefulness; happiness
Jay – (nephew of Martha Carrick/Mary Leitch) – upcoming knee surgery
Nichole – (niece of Martha Carrick/Mary Leitch) - recovery
Nicole Yarbrough – stage 3 kidney disease; ultrasound results
Mary Lynn Tussey – healing; continued strength
Grant Cooper – rehab following stroke
Jessica James – (daughter of Gerry and Renee James) – healing
Mark Southard – (father of Richard/Jennifer Jones' daughter in law)- healing
Jim Oakes – (brother of Ron Oakes) – healing: wisdom; ongoing treatments
Molly Kuhn– (Ken and Marie Kuhn's daughter in law) – healing; rehab
Sandy Arrowood – (Mark Arrowood's sister-in-law) – healing; rehab
Brian Absha – (Mark Shipton's co-worker) – praise; home from hospital
Linda Jarvis – (friend of Paul/ Lynn Clodfelter) – recovery; pray for family
Shannon Thompson – (Jessica James' father) – salvation, healing, test results
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
Sharon – (cousin of Debbie Ogden) – lymphoma; effectiveness of chemo
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
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
    - Adult Bible Hour Heidelberg Catechism – (Fellowship Hall)
    - Women's Bible Hour: *"Identity Theft"* - (Room 203)

10:30am Worship

Living in the Grace of God

Wed., 07/16**: Summer Youth**: 6 pm – 8 pm

Sat., 07/19: **Men's Bible Study** @ 8 am

Thurs., 07/24: **Senior Adult Luncheon***@ The Classic in Denton
Meet at the restaurant @ 11:30 am. *(see bulletin insert to sign up)

RYM: July 27-31 @ NorthBay Adventure Camp in North East, MD

Thurs., 08/14: **Mommy & Littles:** 10am-12pm (For info. contact Annelese Bartlett at Annelese.e.bartlett@gmail.com)

Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor's Pantry – July: canned vegetables
- Foster Families Pool Party @ Lexington Swim Club: Sat., 8/02, 10 am – 12 pm. Volunteers and donations needed. (See bulletin insert to sign up.)
- Sheds of Hope Ministry – Day trip to Arden, NC, Sat., 8/02 (see Mike Maness for more information)

Are You Receiving the Friday Emails? - There is an important letter from Pastor George, as well as the Pastoral Search update in the email. To be added to the email, send your request to: awilson@meadowviewpca.org

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

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