



**MEADOWVIEW**  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

**The Lord’s Day**  
August 10, 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

The true Christian is one whose religion is in his heart and life. It is felt by himself in his heart. It is seen by others in his conduct and life. He feels his sinfulness, guilt and badness, and repents ... He puts off the old man with his corrupt and carnal habits and puts on the new man. He lives a new and holy life, fighting habitually against the world, the flesh and the devil. Christ Himself is the cornerstone of his Christianity. Ask him in what he trusts for the forgiveness of his many sins, and he will tell you in the death of Christ. Ask him in what righteousness he hopes to stand innocent at the judgment day, and he will tell you it is the righteousness of Christ. Ask him by what pattern he tries to frame his life, and he will tell you that it is the example of Christ. But, beside all this, there is one thing in a true Christian which is eminently peculiar to him. That thing is love to Christ.

- JC Ryle, *Holiness*, pgs. 226-227

“Our [the Church’s] vocation is to bear witness to the reality of God’s kingdom in the midst of the present age, to be priests of God’s presence, offering up prayer, service, and love where we are placed, whether in great or small tasks, in suffering or in joy.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

## Today's Service

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** *Psalm 118:22-24*

**Song:** *The Church's One Foundation*

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

**Song:** *O Great God*

### **Confession of Sin:**

Almighty God and Father, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light, but we confess that we have often still walked in shadows, seeking our own desires rather than Your will. We have rejected the Living Stone, and have built our lives on shaky foundations. Forgive us, O Lord, for failing to reflect Your holiness and grace. We have not lived as those set apart for Your glory. We have not been faithful to the calling You have placed on us: a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession. And yet, we rest in the promise that in Christ, we are Your people, chosen and beloved. Cleanse us, restore us, and empower us by your Spirit to live as a people who reflect the beauty of the One who called us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

### **Declaration of Faith:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Gloria Patri**

**Sermon:** *1 Peter 2:4-12* "The Church's One Foundation"

**Song:** *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

### **Benediction**

## 1 Peter 2:4-12

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**The Church's One Foundation**  
Pastor Taylor Howsmon

I. The Living Stone

II. His Chosen People

III. Their Glorious Purpose

## 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** – Jeremy & Gina Sink

**Service** – Cody Peters (son of Cory & Tara Peters) – USMC boot camp

**Sherry Tucker** – (family member of Larry/Ann Wilson) – healing from stroke; wisdom for treatment of aneurysm; CT results

**John Braile** - ( request from Wanda Davis) – healing following heart attack

**Jackie Hedrick** – healing following hand surgery

**Amy Steiner** – peace; comfort, following death of her brother

**Family of Grant Cooper** – long time MPC attendee) – peace; comfort, following Grant’s death

**Judy Bult** - (sister of Ron/Jim Oakes) – peace and comfort following the death of her boyfriend, Tom Tacker

**Jackie Louya** –(brother of Donna Swicegood) – peace, comfort for family

**Jana Monahan** – healing; pain management

**Katina Pressley** – healing following surgery; upcoming radiation

**Judy Kamienski** – recovery from stroke

**Glen Gray** – (request from Lori Gray) – hopefulness; happiness

**Nicole Yarbrough** – healing

**Mary Lynn Tussey** – healing; continued strength and endurance

**Mark Southard** – (father of Richard/Jennifer Jones daughter in law) - healing

**Jim Oakes** – (brother of Ron Oakes) – MRI results

**Molly Kuhn**– (Ken and Marie Kuhn’s daughter in law) – praise; rehab

**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., 08/13: **Summer Youth:** 6 pm – 8 pm

Wed., 08/13: **Pastoral Search Committee Meeting** @ 6 pm

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

Sat., 08/16: **Men's Bible Study** @ 8 am

Sat., 08/16: **Women's Ministry Fellowship Brunch:** 10am-12 pm

Sat., 08/23: **Senior Adults (Now known as SALT) Fall Kick-Off:**  
@ 12 pm (\*see bulletin insert to sign up)

Sun., 09/07: **Discovering Meadowview** – begins 9/7  
(see bulletin insert to sign up)

### Ministering the Grace of God

- Pastor's Pantry: August – instant oatmeal (individual packets)
- Foster Elves Needed - to supply Back to School supplies - (for more info. contact Mara Lovejoy at [maralovejoy@gmail.com](mailto:maralovejoy@gmail.com))
- Car Care Ministry: 09/13 @ 9am
- Blood Drive: 09/16 @ 1pm (sign up online)

**Are You Receiving the Friday Emails?** – If not, you're missing important updates from the Session. To be added to the email, send your request to: [awilson@meadowviewpca.org](mailto:awilson@meadowviewpca.org)

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

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

As of 7/31

Faith Promise

Income: \$24,509.00

Expense: \$33,052.12

Operations

Income: \$352,729.32

Expense: \$455,659.49

