

# THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Williams/Burtonwood

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his Name; make known to the nations what he has done,

**People: and proclaim that his Name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;

**People: let this be known to all the world.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Our Father in heaven, we confess how often our eyes look down to the earth rather than up to heaven. Our minds are on earthly things. Our strength is spent on things that will not last. Our hearts stray from the One who made us. Forgive us our many sins and enable us to behold your glory once again, from the Scriptures, that we might worship you. For we pray in the Name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 6:20-23

LEADER: When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know Long/Lee

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:1-11

\*HYMN 524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

SERMON THE TURNING POINT  
Luke 9:18-27  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE I Never Walk Alone Ackley/Slack

*\*Congregation standing*

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today.  
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you  
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete a  
welcome card on the table outside the sanctuary.*

Serving this morning:

**Worship Leaders** – Rob Barbadoro, Rick Castor

**Musicians** – Yevgeniy Dyo, Helen Ro

**Audio/Visual Technicians** - Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

For more information on ministries, please visit  
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### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17

GOD: HIS WISDOM

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.  
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

JUSTIFICATION

### Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:5

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart; they  
 2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree, have  
 3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load of  
 4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me: no

REFRAIN

tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.  
 paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me. To whom, save  
 sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.  
 righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Horatius Bonar, 1857

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.6.6.  
John Darwall, 1770

SALVATION BY GRACE

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
Asahel Nettleton, 1825

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us on September 6 at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate Promotion Sunday via Zoom. Everyone is invited as we encourage both Sunday School teachers and students through this special program. We will hear from our dedicated and gifted teachers, and we will also catch a glimpse into the Heart Hiders' ministry. Be sure to check the next edition of *Covenant Update* for the link to join the program.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday, September 6, in the Sanctuary, overflow room, and under the pavilion. For those of you unable to join us in these spaces, why not consider joining via our parking lot option? Our ushers will be happy to provide you with individual communion elements as you listen to the service on 94.7 FM from your car.

The weekly Men's Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays beginning this week, Sept. 1, from 7:15 – 8:30 pm, and will meet in person in the far narthex. All men are welcome! Please contact Bob Kambia with questions.

The next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld will take place Sept 13 – Oct 25. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:00 a.m.) and will meet for seven Sundays in the far narthex. Please sign up in the narthex by Sept. 4 or contact the church office for more information.

Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic to be held after the worship service on September 13. This year we ask that everyone bring their own lunch, but dessert will be provided. You are invited to eat under the pavilion or bring blankets and lawn chairs. We are excited to offer this opportunity for fellowship and hope to see you there!

The updated Church Directory has been published and is available in your church mailbox for pick up on Sunday or during the week (call ahead to be sure the church is open). If you prefer to have your copy mailed, please contact the church office. In addition, there is an electronic copy available on our website which you may access by a password available from the office.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Winnie Bikle*

*Ethel Castor*

*Rich Fisher*

*Peg Hasson*

*Herb McCarter*

*Denis Stager*

*Sally Tomlinson*

### *Expecting*

*Brianne Heffren*

*Caroline Smith*

*Christine Verbasselt*

### *Grieving*

*Garver Family*

*Hasson Family*

*Schmidt Family*

### *Missions*

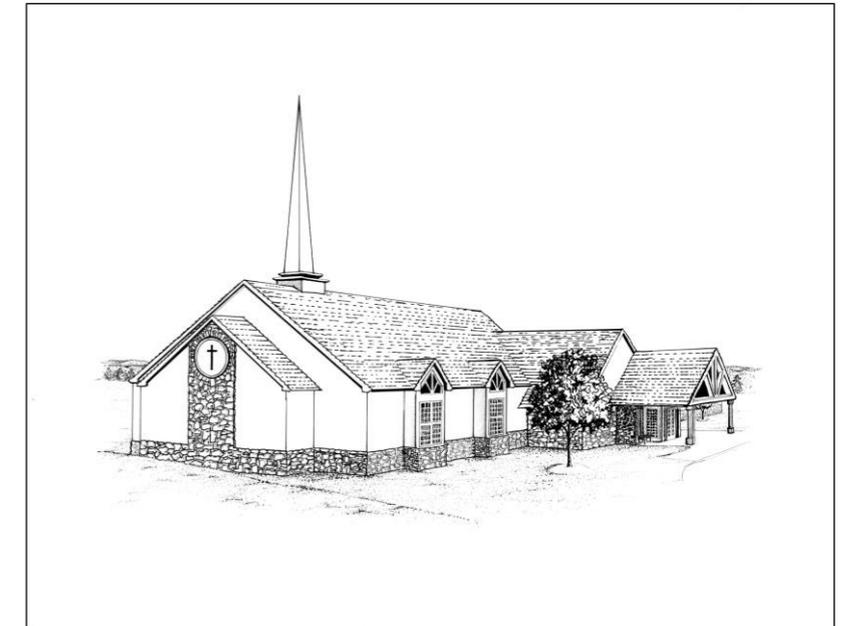
Bruce and Anne McDowell are PCA missionaries serving the new Reformed Seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic (DR), where Bruce is co-founder and professor. God has blessed the seminary through the pandemic which has greatly affected the DR. Summer classes were held via Zoom, and courses on church planting and counseling are planned for the fall.

The school has raised funds that enable the purchase of Spanish language theological books for their library and building a classroom and cafe. Having their own facility will equip them to offer more classes. This will be especially helpful as they plan on starting an undergraduate program when the first master level students have graduated.

On the home front, the McDowells have had the joyful, but sometimes exhausting opportunity to take on three new foster children. These children are the half siblings of their two-year-old foster daughter who they have had since she was an infant. Not wanting to see them split up into three separate homes, Bruce and Ann decided to take them in. The children have endured trauma, neglect, and deprivation from which they are gradually healing.

Please pray that God would continue to bless the Seminary in Santiago and that He would grant wisdom and strength to the McDowells as they parent their children.

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is to help people know Christ,  
grow together in the grace of Christ,  
and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*