



MEADOWVIEW
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

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

The Lord’s Day
December 13, 2020

*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.*

A Reflection Before the Service

We must not suppose that even if we succeeded in making everyone nice we should have saved their souls. A world of nice people, content in their niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world – and might even be more difficult to save.

For mere improvement is no redemption, though redemption always improves people even here and now and will, in the end, improve them to a degree we cannot yet imagine. God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.

-C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Book IV, Chapter 10, p.182

Christ's work of making New Men [is like]...turning a horse into a winged creature...It is not mere improvement but Transformation.

It is a change that goes off in a totally different direction__ a change from being creatures of God to being sons of God. The first instance appeared in Palestine two thousand years ago... I have called Christ "the first instance" of the new man. But of course He is something more than that. He is not merely a new man, one specimen of the species, but *the* new man. He is the origin and centre and life of all the new men.

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Our Rocking & Nursing Rooms are Open!

Although our nursery for 0-12 months is closed at this time, we are happy to provide a space for parents to take needy babes.

Both the Rocking & Nursing Rooms (located in the Narthex) are open during both services.

*During the sermon in the 10:45 service,
nursery is provided for ages 1-3 in the Children's Wing.*

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Today's Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: *Luke 2:46-50*

Song: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Declaration of Faith: *Advent Reading*

Song: *Joy to the World*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory (*You can give online at www.MeadowviewPCA.org*)

Sermon: *1 Samuel 9:15-17, 10:1*
He Will Save His People

Song: *Death Was Arrested*

Benediction

1 Samuel 9:15-17, 10:1

9:15 Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶“Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall **anoint** him to be prince over my people Israel. **He shall save my people** from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.” ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.”

10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, “Has not the LORD **anointed** you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will **save** them from the hand of their surrounding enemies.

Remember back to 1 Samuel 2 - Hannah’s Song (Song of Grace)

¹⁰ And Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the LORD;
my horn is exalted in the LORD.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his **king**
and exalt the horn of his **anointed**.”

He Will Save His People

Pastor George Saylor

Verses to Think About:

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for **he will save his people from their sins.**”

Luke 2:29-32 ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your **salvation**³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 19:9-10 ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today **salvation** has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to **save** the lost.”

Luke 23:35 ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He **saved** others; let him **save** himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

Acts 2:47 ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being **saved**.

1 Corinthians 9:22 ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might **save** some.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all people to be **saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Romans 1:16-17 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 10:9-13 ⁹ because, **if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

John 3:16-21 ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be **saved** through him.

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Member News

*I will sing of Your love and justice, Lord.
I will praise You with songs.
Psalm 1-1:1*

Prayer Requests

Homebound - Anna Greene - PRAISE for great improvement!

Service Member - MC3 Carrie Makonnen - US Navy - Pentagon

Garwood Family

Chris Hargett - (John and Linda's older son) - Recovering from COVID; strength, comfort, and protection from virus for wife, Susannah, and son, Russell

David Hargett - (John and Linda's younger son) - Recovering from COVID; strength, comfort, and protection from virus for wife, Lindsey

Helen James - (Gerry James's mom) - Comfort and healing following removal of infected toe

Don Rummage - (Ronnie Rummage's brother) - Recovering from COVID

Kathy Rummage - (Ronnie and Wanda's daughter-in-law) - Upcoming radiation treatments

Kathy Stevens - Pray that the treatment Kathy had would be effective with minimal side effects.

Prayer Ministry

*To be included in updates on our prayer chain
or to submit a prayer request,
email Debbie Thompson at pray4meadowview@gmail.com.*

2020 Faith Promise for Missions

Faith Promise Budget: \$101,300.00

Year-to-Date Receipts: \$56,765.68

Tithes & Offerings (Includes E-giving)

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Faith Promise</u>
YTD Giving	\$660,427.82	\$56,765.68
YTD Budgeted	\$712,807.23	\$92,858.33
YTD Expenses	\$586,664.52	\$68,418.68

(As of 11/30/20)

Upcoming Events

As COVID cases continue to rise and as was announced last week, the Session is asking us all to have a renewed commitment to all of our Protocols:

- *Stay home if you have cold/flu-like symptoms*
- *Do not enter worship facility more than 10 min before*
- *There is a temperature check (forehead or wrist)*
- *Stay social distanced upon entry*
- *No socializing outside of seats*
- *Leave through side doors immediately following service*
- *Masks are highly recommended*
- *Masks are required for the 9am Service as they already are*

Christmas Eve Services – 12/24/20

- **4:00pm** - temperature checks, social distancing, masks required upon entry, exit, & while singing
- **5:30pm** – temperature checks & social distancing

Adult Bible Hour – Sundays at 9:30am

- **Westminster Shorter Catechism:** Fellowship Hall
- **Westminster Confession of Faith:** GPW Classroom
Study for women; begins January 2021

Veteran's Christmas 2020: Davidson County Veteran Services is sponsoring a gift drive for veterans. Donations of new, unwrapped items will be collected only Monday and Tuesday (12/14-12/15) this week at the church office. Gift ideas: hand sanitizer, name brand disposable razors, electric razors, Kleenex, shampoo, body wash, paint by number, velvet art poster boards for coloring, adult coloring books, large print crossword puzzles, men's wallets. All personal hygiene items should be alcohol free.

Pastor's Pantry is collecting **dry pasta and sauce** during the month of December for seniors in need of food. Please put donations in the blue barrel in the Narthex.

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