



LAKEMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

As a community of God's people we want to welcome you to this service of worship.
We preach Christ crucified, risen, and coming again!

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THE LORD'S DAY • JANUARY 10, 2021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Building Brief

Elder Dr. John Farr

Prelude

During the Prelude, please enter into prayerful silence

Preparation for Worship

“There is something fascinating in grief: though we feel it hurts our peace, and may know, that when it is great, and long continued, it threatens the very root of our usefulness, we are apt to indulge it, and to brood over sorrow till it gives a tincture to the whole frame of our spirit, and, perhaps, makes a lodgment in us, too deep to be removed. We say, indeed, the Lord is wise and good, and does all things well; and, for our principles' sake, we avoid positive complaint; but folded hands, downcast looks, and reiterated sighs, are deemed very allowable, as they doubtless are for a time; but, if for a long time, they become ensnaring and injurious.”

– John Newton, *Wise Counsel: John Newton's Letters to John Ryland, Jr.*, pg. 193.

† Call to Worship Psalm 68:1-6

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

All: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn of Praise God Moves in a Mysterious Way Hymn No. 128

† Confession of Faith The Westminster Confession of Faith Q 27 & 28

Leader: Let us confess together what we believe the Scriptures teach: What misery did the Fall bring on mankind?

All: The Fall brought on mankind the loss of communion with God, His displeasure and curse; so as we are by nature children of wrath, bond slaves to Satan, and justly liable to all punishments in this world and that which is to come.

Leader: What are the punishments of sin in this world?

All: The punishments of sin in this world, are either inward, as blindness of mind, a reprobate sense, strong delusions, hardness of heart, horror of conscience, and vile affections; or outward, as the curse of God on the creatures for our sake, and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments; together with death itself.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins together before our God:

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Promise of Pardoning Grace Hebrews 9:26b-28

Leader: But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Prayers of the Church

Worship Through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

† **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† **Dedication of the Offering**

Hymn of Preparation Revive thy Work, O Lord Hymn No. 370

Reading of God's Word 2 Samuel 18:19-19:8a

Proclaiming and Hearing God's Word Rev. Dave Vosseller

“GOOD NEWS AND BLINDING GRIEF”

† **Hymn of Response** O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All Hymn No. 322

† **Benediction** Jude 24-25

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

† **Postlude**

PREACHING: REV.DAVE VOSSELLER

LEADING WORSHIP: REV. BRYAN VILLAREAL

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† The Congregation Standing

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Hymn of Preparation

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Revive Thy Work, O Lord

I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known. Hab. 3:2

1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;
 2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;
 3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;
 4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;
 5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;

speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo - ple hear.
 quick - en the smoul - d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.
 and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.
 and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.
 the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William H. Walter, 1854

Hymn of Response

322

O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me. Rev. 22:12

1. O quick - ly come, dread Judge of all; for, aw - ful though thine
 2. O quick - ly come, great King of all; reign all a - round us
 3. O quick - ly come, true Life of all, for death is might - y
 4. O quick - ly come, sure Light of all, for gloom - y night broods

ad - vent be, all shad - ows from the truth will fall, and
 and with - in; let sin no more our souls en - thral, let
 all a - round; on ev - 'ry home his shad - ows fall, on
 o'er our way; and weak - ly souls be - gin to fall with

false - hood die, in sight of thee: O quick - ly come, for
 pain and sor - row die with sin: O quick - ly come, for
 ev - 'ry heart his mark is found: O quick - ly come, for
 wear - y watch - ing for the day: O quick - ly come, for

doubt and fear like clouds dis - solve when thou art near.
 thou a - lone canst thy scatter - ed peo - ple one.
 grief and pain can nev - er cloud thy glo - rious reign.
 round thy throne no eye is blind, no night is known.

Lawrence Tulliett, 1854

MELITA, R. 8, 8, 8, 8, 8.
John B. Dykes, 1861

SERMON NOTES 1/10
“Good News and Blinding Grief” 2 Samuel 18:19-19:8a
 Theme: Have you let the grief of your personal story blind you to the Lord’s greater story?

I. The Challenge of Hard Good News (v. 19-32)

A. Heart-Driven Expectations

B. God-Centered Perspectives

II. The Problem of Inordinate Grief (v. 33)

III. The Needed Hard Rebuke (v. 1 -8a)

A. A Call to Repentance (v. 1 -6)

B. A Return to Our Duties (v. 7 -8a)

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 HYMNS FOR JANUARY 3, 2021

Hymn of Praise

128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.
 Is. 42:16

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are:

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding ev'ry hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flow'r.
6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774

DUNDEE, C.M.
 Scottish Psalter, 1615

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today: **Building Brief**
Revival Prayer - Sunday afternoons at 4:15 via Webex. For detail and the link to join, email Rod Mackert at rod@rodmackert.com
- Monday: **College Life** 7-8:30 Church Office
- Tuesday: **Deacon Meeting** 6:30
- Wednesday: **High School LYM** 7-8:20 at Villarreal's
- Saturday: **M.E.N.** (Men's Encouraging Network)
Every Saturday, 8:30 am, for Bible reading, discussion, and prayer. For details and meeting location email Vincent Engelke at vengelke@knology.net
- Sun. ,Dec 17: **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Separate 5th Grade class added to Sunday School.** Taught by Susan Reynolds. It will meet in the 100 building hallway.
2. **Women's Winter/Spring Bible study.** The deadline is this Friday, Jan. 15 to sign up for the group order of A Place to Belong: Learning to Love the Local Church (cost \$12) by notifying your Women's Leader Team member or Janet Mackert. Self-orders from Amazon are about \$14. See January Lifeline for more details and get a sampling of the content from this interview with the author: <https://encourage.pcacdm.org/2020/05/19/103>.
3. **Installation Service for Reverend Bryan M. Villarreal** - On Sunday, January 31st during our morning worship, a commission of the Savannah River Presbytery will conduct the installation service for Pastor Bryan as our Associate Pastor. Please plan to join us in person or via our livecast as we celebrate the Lord's work in the life of our church.
4. **January Scripture Memory Verse:**
"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!" - Psalm 90:17 (ESV)
5. **New Worship Time & Sunday School Resumes!**
Beginning on Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 our new Lord's Day schedule will be as follows:
9:00-9:45 am Adult & Children's Christian Education
10:00 am Corporate Worship

Adult Class - studying the Gospel of John, meeting in the 'sanctuary'.
Youth Class - studying Genesis, meeting in the 'blue room' upstairs.
K-4th Grade - studying Genesis, meeting in Building 100, music/choir room.
5th Grade - in Hallway of Building 100.
Nursery - birth through pre-K in the theater room in Building 100.
6. **Lakemont Nursery available for 3 & under** - Building 100.
7. Please email the office, lakemontpca@gmail.com, with prayer requests. Also, if there is a name on the "continue to pray" list that needs to be added or removed, let Beth know.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Neil Laxton, Meredith Lambert's father, had surgery on Monday for lung cancer. He returned home on Thursday and is doing well. The biopsy on his lymph nodes came back negative. Praise the Lord! They are thankful for everyone's prayers.

Our Leaders & Military: those serving at home/abroad: Austin Franklin, Chip Gaylord, Daniel Hancock, Bryan Powers, Daniel Wilkes.

Continue to Pray:

Donald Begley

Caleb Brown

Ann Burrum

Sue Chronister

Ray-Ray Nance Citron

Bill Clinkscales

Jackie Connor

Jane Dennis

Paul Edenfield

Milton Ellis

Stephen Evans

Vera Garrett

Nancy Halvorsen

Lee Harville

Sarah Jagoditsch

Danny Jenkins

Katherine &

Herman Justice

Nathan Keller

Nancy Matsinger

Nita Pelt

James Reid

Jordan Richardson

Marie Rogers

Henry Rourk

Alan Rushing

Grace Smith

Hamilton Smith

Kay Sweat

Anna Ruth Tucker

Amy Vincent

Don Vosseller

Miriam Westbrook

Jarred Young

Members and Friends in Assisted Living

Madeline Brinsko (Cedar Creek Life Center, FL),

Marie Rogers (Hearthstone, Austell)

Rita Bumpas (Brookdale, N. Augusta)

Stan Shirley (Atlanta)

Anne Gojda (Thrive)

Jane Vosseller (Westwood)

MISSIONS

Missionary / Mission of the week:

[Peter and Diane Bakelaar, MTW Japan](#)

Peter and Diane have been called to serve the Lord as church planters in Japan. Peter is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in illustration. He received his master's degree from Columbia International University Seminary and School of Missions in teaching English as a foreign language/intercultural studies. Peter is an elder in the PCA. Diane is a graduate of Bob Jones University with a degree in home economics.

Peter and Diane have served in Japan since 1990. Peter's responsibilities include evangelistic Bible studies, discipleship, and communication of the gospel in Japanese through special events and messages. Diane serves in many aspects of the team's ministry including hospitality in the home.

The Bakelaars are committed to knowing Christ and making Him known among the Japanese. Thank you for praying that they will faithfully fulfill the vision of the Nagoya Church Planting Team, which is training Japanese to reach Japan and the world for Christ. Their desire is to be used of God in Japan toward "Advancing God's kingdom by mentoring leaders to be part of a movement that is multiplying churches that are multiplying disciples through the power of the gospel."

In our Presbytery:

Chapel in the Gardens PC (Garden City), Darren Russel, Pastor

The Persecuted Church in North Korea

If North Korean Christians are discovered, they are deported to labor camps as political criminals or even killed on the spot. Driven by the state, Christian persecution in North Korea is extreme and meeting other Christians to worship is nearly impossible unless it's done in complete secrecy. A recent increase in diplomatic activity, starting with the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea, has not changed anything for Christians in the country.

PRAY: Pray for endurance and courage for Christians who are suffering right now in labor camps across North Korea. Pray that continued diplomatic efforts will result in religious freedom for the underground church in North Korea. Pray that God will reach Kim Jong-un and the top leaders in North Korea with the power of the gospel.