



**SYCAMORE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Committed to Christ & His Word

*To know Christ personally*

*To mature spiritually*

*To build community*

*To show God's love faithfully*

*November 11, 2018*

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00AM

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# WELCOME TO SYCAMORE!

Thank you for worshipping with us at Sycamore Presbyterian Church! It is exciting to be a part of what God is doing in our community, and we look forward to getting to know you.

We want to be a church that is committed to Christ and His Word, and to be a church that really loves one another. We want to provide a good environment for those who are just becoming interested in Christ to learn and grow without feeling the pressure to pretend to be more “spiritual” than they are, as well as provide opportunity for those who are experienced and committed to serve.

We would love to have you join with us as we seek:

- ◆ **To know Christ personally** – Faith begins with a personal commitment to Christ, trusting in Him as Savior and Lord.
- ◆ **To mature spiritually** – Faith grows through commitment to His Word, studying and applying the Scriptures, transforming every area of life.
- ◆ **To build community** – Faith is evident in our love for one another. Jesus said, “By this the world will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.” This involves commitment beyond Sunday morning to small groups in which we pray and care for one another.
- ◆ **To show God’s love faithfully** – Faith is expressed through witness and mercy. As God’s love is shown for us in Christ, who gave his life for us, we are to show God’s love to others, giving ourselves to share Christ with them, and serving in our community, our city, and our world.

*That others might know Christ personally...*

Harry D. Long  
Senior Pastor

## Prayer of Belief:

“Lord Jesus Christ, I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life.

But, I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me.

Lord Jesus, come into my life; take control of my life; forgive my sins and save me. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my salvation.

I accept the free gift of eternal life. Amen.”

# SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME (*please silence cell phones*)

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

HYMN OF PRAISE\*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

#295

*verses 1, 2, 5 & 6*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

MINISTRY MOMENT

*Pregnancy Resource Center, Richmond*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-15**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

**But made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to death  
- even death on a cross!

**All:**

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*(continued on next page)*

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed  
- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence -  
continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

**For it is God who works in you to will and to act  
according to his good purpose.**

Do everything without complaining or arguing,

**So that you may become blameless and pure,  
children of God without fault  
in a crooked and depraved generation,  
in which you shine like stars in the universe.**

### **SILENT PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Silent prayer, confessing your sin in the light of this passage and in particular,  
as each is led in your own heart.*

*Corporate prayer, thanking God for forgiveness in Christ.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE\***

*Nothing But Grace*

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**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*APOSTLES CREED*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION\***

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*#599  
verse 1*

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During the 11:00 service only, children age 4 through 2nd grade  
are invited to Kid's Worship following the Hymn of Preparation.  
They will return during the Hymn Of Purpose.

## HEARING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

John 10:11-21

SERMON SERIES:

BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM  
Week 4: *I am the Good Shepherd*

Harry Long

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN OF PURPOSE\*

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

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PRAYER OF PETITION & THANKSGIVING

8:30 Stephen Righter

11:00 Trevor Roberts

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Trust in the Lord*

Men's choir

By Donna Butler

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

#731

BENEDICTION\*

CLOSING REFRAIN\*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

#98, v. 2

POSTLUDE

*Be sure to introduce yourself to someone that you don't know  
and welcome them to Sycamore.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

## SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Series: Before Abraham was I AM

Scripture: John 10:11-21

Week 4: I am the Good Shepherd

*I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly!*

### **Recap: The Shepherd and His Sheep**

The overriding point: I have come that they [my sheep]  
may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10

Last week – the promise: I am the Door (Gate)  
whoever enters through me will be saved. John 10:9

This week – the provision: I am the Good Shepherd  
and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:11-21

1. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep,  
the hired hand does not. v. 11-13

2. I know my sheep and my sheep know me,  
and I lay down my life for the sheep. v. 14-15

Surprise: I have other sheep that are not of this pen...! v. 16

3. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life  
– only to take it up again! v. 17

I lay it down of my own accord! v. 18

Applications: How do you respond? v. 19-21

- To the elders among you, be shepherds of God's flock... 1 Pet. 5:1-4

- Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church,  
and gave his life for her... Eph. 5:25

- To all the sheep, do everything without complaining or arguing.  
You have a Good Shepherd! Phil. 2:13  
John 10:25-30

## ***PRAYER***

### **MISSIONS:**

**Phil and Nora Gelston, Christ Church of Wiesbaden, Germany.**

Christ Church of Wiesbaden is located in a corner of the world that is gospel starved and so it falls to us to build the church here. Our mission is to be a bulwark for the gospel in Wiesbaden in both the English and German languages. I am pleased to report that we are making progress in this mission.

- ◆ Attendance in worship and in small groups continues to be healthy.
- ◆ Our ever-changing community is earnest in forming meaningful connections with one another.
- ◆ Volunteers are stepping into vacancies left by previous ministry leaders.
- ◆ Our local giving for the year has been strong.

*\*To read more about the needs of Christ Church of Wiesbaden grab a copy of their newsletter on the missions table, outside the church office.*

### **OUR DENOMINATION:**

**Jacob Hotinger, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF),  
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)**

### **OUR CONGREGATION:**

**Men's Ministry**

### **OUR COMMUNITY:**

**Pregnancy Resource Center, Richmond**

### **OUR CITY:**

**We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond:** For the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well being of those who are unable to work.

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*In our Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving, we rotate praying for the various ministries and needs of our denomination, congregation, community and city, as well as praying for the personal needs within our congregation.*

# Nothing but Grace

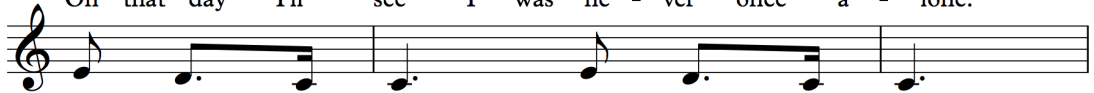
Words and Music by  
Chris Sayburn, Chris Lawson Jones,  
Nick Herbert, and Mark Vallance



1. Noth - ing but grace, my on - ly plea,  
2. Noth - ing but grace, the on - ly hope,  
3. Noth - ing but grace will lead me home;



All I am de - pends on Your love and Your mer - cy.  
For this guil - ty heart: You have paid each debt I owe.  
On that day I'll see I was ne - ver once a - lone.



Your cross my shield, my faith Your blood;  
And though I fall, Your name is near;  
There I will sing with all the saints,



I will not be moved by the hur - ri - cane or flood.  
In the ra - ging storm You will si - lence ev - 'ry fear.  
With the Hea - vens shout, "All hail, Re - dee - mer, hail!"



And I will stand with You on high - er ground,



On Christ the so - lid Rock I will be found.



And for e - ter - ni - ty, sing out my soul,



"Noth - ing but grace, Your grace a - lone!"



# The Lord's My Shepherd

1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want.  
2. My soul, he will a - gain re - store  
3. Yes, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
4. A ta - ble you've pre - pared for me  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life

He makes me down to lie  
And guid - ing, he will make  
Yet I will fear no ill,  
In front of all my foes;  
Shall sure - ly fol - low me:

In pas - tures green; he lea - deth me  
Me walk in paths of right - eous - ness,  
For you are with me, and your rod  
My head with o - il You a - noint,  
And in God's house for - e - ver - more

The qui - et wa - ters by.  
Ev'n for his own name's sake.  
And staff will com - fort still.  
And my cup o - ver - flows.  
My dwell - ing place will be.

## LOCAL IMPACT TEAM

**Thank you** to all who came out to our church wide service event this past weekend at Mercy Mall! We had many families represented and volunteers of all ages serving the hurting and homeless of Chesterfield. Thanks for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus to love our community.

While serving, we noticed that Mercy Mall is in great need of Queen sized blankets and bed sheets. For the next 2 weeks we will be holding a

**donations drive** for blankets, sheets, and warm coats.

There is a box available in the foyer for all donations. These will be collected on Wednesday, November 21 and taken to the Mercy Mall.

Please help us help our community stay warm this winter!  
Questions? Email Grace Keen at [gkeen@sycamorepres.com](mailto:gkeen@sycamorepres.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### **Annual Church Family Thanksgiving Feast**

**Sunday, November 18th 5:30-7:30 pm**

Come out and celebrate with our Church Family as we give thanks to God for our many blessings! Please bring 2 side dishes and/or 1 side and 1 dessert.

Drinks and Turkeys will be provided!

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### **Women's Annual Ornament Exchange**

**December 6th, 6:30 pm**

Bring a new ornament in a gift bag and "steal" an ornament to take home! We'll have cider, Christmas goodies, and Christmas carols. Invite friends and neighbors to this fun event, and help them discover Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas.

Questions? Please email Barbara Markland at [markland.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:markland.barbara@gmail.com) or call her at 804-921-8989.

# *THIS WEEK AT SPC*



## Sunday:

Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am  
Hispanic Worship Service: 11:15 am  
Adult Sunday School 10:00 -10:50 am  
No Youth Group Tonight

## Monday:

12:00 pm Prayer Meeting room 25

## Tuesday:

6:00 am Men's Bible Study                      6:45 am Men's Bible Study  
9:30 am English as a Second Language (ESL)  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study              7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

### Tuesday Night YOUTH Bible Studies

Middle School Boys 6:00-7:30 pm	High School Boys 7:30-8:30 pm
Middle School Girls 6:00-7:30 pm	High School Girls 7:30-8:30 pm

## Wednesday:

10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Christmas Youth Choir                      6:30 pm Christmas Choir  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir                                      8:00 pm Men's Choir

## Thursday:

9:30 am ESL Conversation  
11:30 pm VIP Brownbag Luncheon  
3:00 pm Knitting His Love                                      4:30 pm Kid's Inquirers' Class

## Friday:

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 am ESL Bible Study



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**Church Staff:**

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Marty Cates, Asst. Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries  
Becky Boone, Children’s Ministry Director  
Michael Breakall, Music Director  
Grace Keen, Youth Intern  
Sheree Coy, Bookkeeper  
Kate Maguire, Administrative Assistant  
Margarita Wallace, Administrative Assistant

**Elders:**

Jim Bates - Rob Cross - Peter Martin - Stephen Righter  
Trevor Roberts - Jim Shefferly - Jim Ulmer - Gene Whitehead

**Deacons:**

Tyler Burgess - Brian Gabriel - Greg McCarthy - Pat Murphy  
Steve O’Brien - Scott Shefferly - Frank Stokes - John Vick - Chris Wells

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

*September 2018 – Year to Date*

**ACTUAL**

Income \$552,909  
Expenses \$556,883

**BUDGET**

\$514,080 (over budget (\$38,829))  
\$547,526 (over budget (\$9,356))

**October’s offering goal: \$95,200**

**October’s offering: \$95,453 – 100%**

**REACH CAMPAIGN:**

**Giving To Date: \$135,742**

**Total Goal: \$495,000**