

Wheatland

REFLECTIONS

[Peter's sermon] hinges on the question of whom the Apostles should obey. The end precisely matches the beginning: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (v.29) compared with "the Holy Spirit [bears witness] whom God has given to those who obey him" (v.32). Peter effectively challenges the Jews as to who are the truly obedient ones? His answer is that God bears witness to the obedient ones by means of the Spirit, so in effect he is saying: "If we let God decide between us, as to who is truly obedient, then he bears witness to us and not to you." This is a conclusion that nearly cost him his life (5:33).
Andrew Fountain

What Peter is emphasizing [in his sermon] is that it was the ancestral God of the Jews who had [raised Jesus]. For the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus was to act against the God whom they claimed to worship. Nor could they shift the responsibility, if they were so inclined, by attributing Jesus' death to the Romans, since they had themselves been responsible for giving Jesus what could be regarded as a Jewish form of execution, described in the Old Testament as hanging on a gibbet; one may wonder whether there is a hint of the idea, developed by Paul, that a person who so died was regarded as being under the curse of God (Deut. 21:23).
I. Howard Marshall

The devil has never given up the attempt to destroy the church by force. Under Nero (AD 54-68) Christians were imprisoned and executed, including probably Paul and Peter. Domitian (AD 81-96) oppressed Christians who refused to pay him the divine honors he demanded; under him John was exiled to Patmos. Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), believing that Christianity was dangerous and immoral, turned a blind eye to severe local outbreaks of mob violence. Then in the third century what had so far been sporadic became systematic. Under Decius (AD 249-251) thousands died, including Fabian, Bishop of Rome, for refusing to sacrifice to the imperial name. The last persecuting emperor before the conversion of Constantine was Diocletian (AD 284-305). He issued four edicts which were intended to stamp out Christianity altogether. He ordered churches to be burned, Scriptures to be confiscated, clergy to be tortured, and Christian civil servants to be deprived of their citizenship and, if stubbornly unrepentant, executed. Still today, especially in some Marxist, Hindu and Moslem countries, the church is often harassed. But we need not fear for its survival. Tertullian, addressing the rulers of the Roman Empire, cried out:" Kill us, torture us, condemn us, grind us to dust.... The more you mow us down, the more we grow; the seed is the blood of Christians."
John Stott

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Jesus (Matthew 5:10–12)

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November 8, 2026 | **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

▲ **Congregation Stands**
▼ **Congregation Sits**

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.
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Collect for the Day



O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

▼ PRELUDE



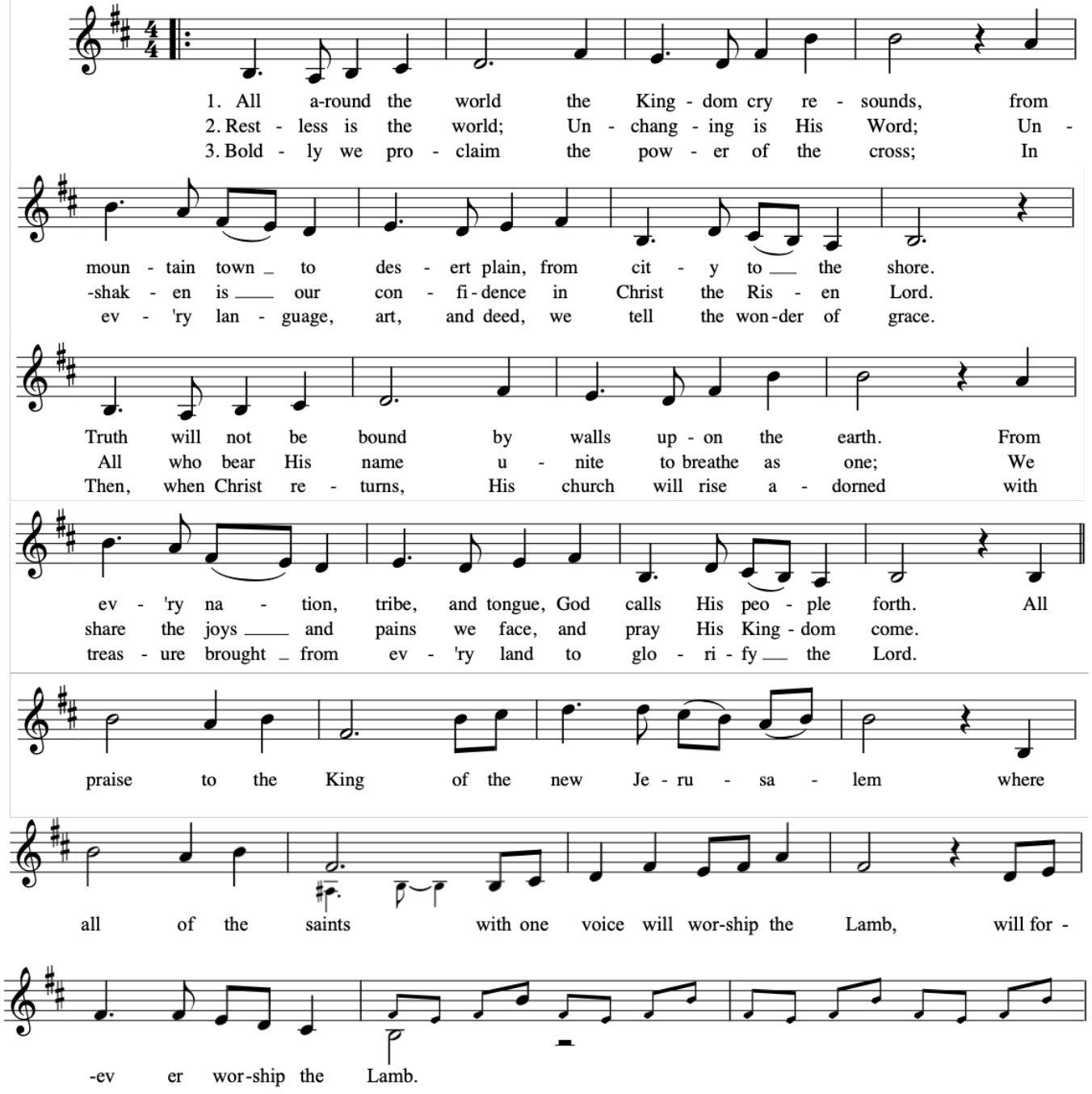
▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1, 4–6



Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
Unison: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

▲ All Around the World



▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together by praying—

Unison: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1–4



There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin
and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.
By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin
in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

▲ Thanksgiving



Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

▲ Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



▲ GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: We believe God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures,
the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which are both record
and means of his saving work in the world.

Left: These writings alone constitute the verbally inspired Word of God,
which is utterly authoritative and without error in the original writings,
complete in its revelation of his will for salvation,

Right: sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and final
in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks.

Unison: We confess that both our finitude and our sinfulness preclude
the possibility of knowing God's truth exhaustively,
but we affirm that, enlightened by the Spirit of God,
we can know God's revealed truth truly.

Leader: The Bible is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it teaches;
obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires;
and trusted, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.

People: As God's people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are equipped
as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.

▼ PRAYER



Leader: Almighty God, as we approach now the proclamation of your Word,
grant us minds ever open and willing to submit to your truth,
and hearts always open and willing to receive your love.
Send your Spirit and open your Word to instruct,
enlighten, convict, restore, comfort, challenge,
and encourage each of us as we have need—
all unto the end that our wrestlings with Scripture would soften
and warm our hearts like clay in your hands,
that you might more readily shape us into a truer image of Christ. Amen.

▼ OFFERING

Deuteronomy 16:17



Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing
of the LORD your God that he has given you.

Children, ages 3 -5 years, are dismissed for Children's Worship Training.
Children will be served a small snack: please alert volunteers to any allergies.

Please fill in the attendance pad, pass it down the pew and then back.

If you are able to continue to give, you may do so online at www.wheatlandpca.org/give or by mail.
If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org.

▼ All Will Be Well



▼ PROCLAMATION

Acts 5:17-42

17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees),
and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But
during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and
said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."
21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council,
all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when
the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 "We
found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened
them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard
these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.
25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in
the temple and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought
them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest
questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have
filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But
Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers
raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as
Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to
these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the
council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave
orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care
what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to
be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who
followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the
days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who
followed him were scattered.

[38] So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; [39] but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, [40] and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. [41] Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. [42] And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▼ A Matter of Authority

Rev. Luke D. Le Duc

Manuscripts of the sermon are available in the Narthex.

▲ THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is right to give him our thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing:

▲ Sanctus



Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *Hallelujah!*
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. *Hallelujah!*
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

▼ Invitation and Prayer



Pastor: This Table is a place of nourishment for followers of Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone, are in good standing with a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to eat this meal with us. But examine yourself, for Scripture reminds us that whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the Body and Blood of the Lord. And while none of us are worthy apart from Christ, to even gather up the crumbs from this Table, we eagerly eat this meal with faith in Christ and gratitude to God for his salvation.

Unison: We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. Amen.

▼ Words of Institution



Pastor: And it was in mercy towards us that our heavenly Father gave his only Son to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption.

As it is written: On the night Christ was betrayed he took Bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then in the same way, after supper Jesus took the Cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

▼ Coming to the Table

You will be invited forward up the center aisle and you will return down the outside aisle.
If you are unable to come to the front to take communion, remain in your seat and it will be brought to you. The bread is homemade and gluten free. Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice is in the purple cups.

If you are not eating the Supper with us today, you may come forward with your hands clasped together to receive prayer, or you may spend this time in prayer at your seat using the communion prayers printed in the back of the bulletin. We welcome our children to come forward to the Table for prayer *(see Children and Communion at the back of this order of worship).*

Please hold the bread and the cup until invited to eat and drink.

▼ Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



▼ King of Kings



▲ Prayer of Thanksgiving



Unison: Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries—
the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son.
Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in holy fellowship with you,
and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

▲ Psalm of Praise



Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: All that is within me, bless his holy name.
Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and forget not all his benefits
Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: who heals all your diseases,
Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,
People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.
Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,
People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children,
People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
Pastor: For he knows our frame;
People: he remembers that we are dust.

▲ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ BENEDICTION

Romans 11:33, 11:36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT WHEATLAND

Sunday, Nov 8
8:30 & 11:15am Worship
10:15am Sunday Classes
1:00pm Young Adult Lunch
6:30pm Roots Youth Group

Tuesday, Nov 10
7:30am Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, Nov 11
9:30am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm ESL Classes

Thursday, Nov 12
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Discipleship

Saturday, Nov 14
8:00am Women's Bible Study
5:00pm Women's Progressive Dinner

Sunday, Nov 15
8:30 & 11:15am Worship
10:15am Sunday Classes
6:00pm Thanksgiving Prayer & Praise Service

DISABILITY MINISTRY
Wheatland's Disability Ministry strives to enfold attenders of all ability levels into the life of our church. We are currently looking for more volunteers to serve as Buddies. Contact Cori Haughery at cori.haughery@gmail.com to learn how to get involved, or to let us know about an individual or family we could support.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

Flourishing Under God's Covenant
Tom Becker | Sanctuary

New Member Class
Luke Le Duc | Room 10

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS
- Greeters (1st & 2nd Service)
- Ushers (1st & 2nd Service)
- Children's Worship Training Volunteers
- Tutors for ESL students – 2 female, 1 male

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – RSVP TODAY
Please join us for our Women's Discipleship event on Saturday, **November 14** from 5:00-9:00pm! Join a small group for good food and conversation as you progress from house to house for appetizers, dinner, and dessert. To attend, please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BACAF23A7FE3-66995241-1114#/ by **today** or use the QR Code. Contact Erin Quillen with any questions.

REUSING YOUR ORDER OF WORSHIP
If your Order of Worship has not been written in and you do not plan to keep it, please drop it off in the baskets in the back of the sanctuary so that it can be reused during the 2nd service. Thank you!

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE & DESSERT

On Sunday, **November 15** from 6:00 to 8:00pm we will be celebrating the Harvest Season with a Praise Service followed by our traditional Thanksgiving Dessert. Our Praise Service will feature songs of praise to God as well as uplifting stories of thanksgiving to God from our congregation. Nursery will be available during the Praise Service. Dessert will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many are coming and if you need childcare.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR- DEADLINE TODAY

The Wheatland Children's Choir will return this Christmas Eve! The Junior Choir (ages 3-6) and the Youth Choir (ages 7-11/5th grade) will each prepare pieces to sing during the musical interlude between evening services on December 24. Both groups will rehearse at Wheatland from 4:00-5:00pm on **Nov 15, 22, Dec 6, 13, and 20.** Pizza will be provided after rehearsal until 5:30pm for families who register. Sign up **by today** to participate or volunteer by scanning the QR code. Contact Amy Fisher amyfisher6615@gmail.com or Emma Klimowicz emma.klimowicz@gmail.com with questions.

SONG LYRICS AVAILABLE ONLINE

For those who find the lyrics and music printed together challenging, the link to the lyrics for each Sunday's worship service songs can be found on the front page of our website.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year our 4th Quarter Church-Wide Service Project and our regular Christmas Offering are being combined into one effort: helping the Seep family, our missionary partners serving in Austria, bless 210 refugees at The Oasis (a gospel-centered welcome and ministry center) with Christmas gift bags. The bags will include practical and comfort items as well as gospel tracts in the recipients' own language. Each gift bag costs $20, so our total goal is $4,200. Please prayerfully consider a gift toward this project by giving online (please select the "**Christmas Offering**" fund) or by check (please write "**Christmas Offering**" on the memo line). Sunday school classes (K-12) are invited to bring their monetary gifts on Sunday mornings to contribute to this effort. Giving runs now **through December 20**. Funds will be sent to the Seeps' missions agency, Action International.

YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

If you fall into the early 20's to early 30's age group, check out Wheatland's Young Adult ministry! If you have questions, contact Samuel at (717) 847-3559 or SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org.

Young Adult Game Nights - 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Newswanger's home.

Young Adult Sunday Lunches - 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. Text or email Samuel to RSVP.

Young Adult Fall Book Group reading Tish Harrison Warren's *What Grows in Weary Lands: On Christian Resilience* - 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm at Kristen Vieldhouse's home.

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MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7pm in the Augustine Room. Contact Keith at kwinder@wheatlandpca.org for details.

Thursday Morning Study – Meets virtually at 6:30am weekly to study a book of the Bible. Grab a cup of coffee and your favorite commentary and join us. Contact Steve Osborne at 717-693-6816 for more information.

Weekly Discipleship Group – Meets on Thursday evenings in Room 10 at the church from 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Edmund Byne at 404-583-4253 or Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag for details.

WHEATLAND COMMUNICATIONS

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please contact Erin at equillen@wheatlandpca.org. and we will add your name to the list.

WHEATLAND RECORDINGS

Recordings of the sermons are available on the website, www.wheatlandpca.org. Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service and adult Sunday classes are also on the website.

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

To be placed on the list to receive the login information for our Tuesday Morning Prayer time held on Zoom, please contact Erin at equillen@wheatlandpca.org.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Fall Bible Studies

- Wednesday Morning: Meets weekly at the church from 9:15-11:00am and is studying Hebrews. Childcare is provided. Contact Beth Slough at baslough@gmail.com for more info.
- Thursday Night: Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Biers' house from 7:00-8:30pm. They are studying Genesis using Jen Wilkin's *God of Creation* study. For more info, email Erin Quillen equillen@wheatlandpca.org.
- Saturday Morning: Meets 2x/month at the church from 8:00-9:30am and studies 1 & 2 Samuel using the *Knowing the Bible s*eries. Contact Catherine Achor at Kitkatvt85@gmail.com.

Moms' Book Group | Reading and discussing *Like Our Father: How God Parents Us and Why That Matters for Our Parenting* by Christina Fox. For location and schedule, contact Becca Detweiler at bodine.rebecca@gmail.com.

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is an important part of our church life. If you have a prayer request or would like to join with other Wheatlanders who are committed to bearing one another's burdens in prayer on the Prayer Chain, please email prayer@wheatlandpca.org.

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Ruling Elders

Bill Achor
Dennis Bracken
Jon Bush
Greg Chalfant
Joe Hunter

Deacons

Bill Bradley
Mark Broomell
Justin Harbin
Peter Horning
Joseph Kiehl
Nate Long
Jesse Sanders
Dave Smith
Dain Zimmerman

Deaconesses

Nickie Brackbill
Judy Braymer
Crista Bush
Kim Byne
Ari Dykshoorn
Teresa Maier
Beth Slough
Diane Wolgemuth

WHEATLAND DIACONATE

The Diaconate at Wheatland work to manage property upkeep and to facilitate mercy ministries of sympathy and service among our members and regular attenders. If you have a concern about the property, a mercy-need, or want to get in touch with a deacon or deaconess, you can reach out personally (contact information is in Elexio) or email Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org.

CARE GROUPS

Our congregation is organized geographically into Care Groups. These groups meet 2x/month to share meals and deepen fellowship with each other. Care Groups are organized as follows:

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Wheatland Missionary Spotlight



Jeremy & Stephanie Seep serving in Traiskirchen, Austria with International Teams Austria

The Seeps are serving refugees from all over the world at The Oasis: an international team partnering with local and global churches. They walk alongside refugees, offering them the Living Water of Jesus Christ and moving with them toward an intimate relationship with Him and His people.

How to pray for the Seeps:

- Praise God for an Iranian couple who recently came to faith and were baptized.
- Praise God that He is bringing more long term staff members to our Oasis team.
- Please pray for Elisa, who has joined the team but is still awaiting visa approval.
- Please pray for Anja, who is in conversations with her church leadership about joining our team.
- Please pray for the hearts of refugees to be open to the gospel and to receiving God's Word in their language.

For more information or to partner with the Seeps, visit www.actioninternational.org/fw/seep.

Contact Jeremy and Stephanie directly via email at jerseep@gmail.com or stephanie.seep@gmail.com.

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, compelling, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Trusting that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Children and Communion

Our baptized children are covenant children of our church, a rich part of our life together at Wheatland, and we long to see them eating with us at the Table. As a denomination (Presbyterian Church in America), we do not practice giving communion to children before they profess their faith to the Elders of our church and undertake the obligations and duties of a communing member. However, it is a deep joy to gather them with us at this Table so that we might pray for them. Our prayer is that they will grow in their faith and love of Jesus and his gospel and in due time will profess their faith publicly to our Elders and join us to eat this meal of grace.

Wheatland
Presbyterian Church
exists to glorify God
by equipping the
community of believers
to lovingly confront
our generation
with the gospel of
Jesus Christ.



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