



■ Wheatland

## REFLECTIONS

The punctuation in this passage really matters. Verse 3 is often read incorrectly as, “A voice of one calling in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way for the LORD’”, as if the bit about the wilderness is merely a geographical footnote helping to geolocate the voice. But no! The message of the voice is actually this: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD.” In other words, the wilderness is where I should go looking for God! This is where he’s coming. John the Baptist understood this, choosing to dwell in the desert and to prepare there for the arrival of the Messiah.

*Peter Grieg*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

*Isaiah 40:1-5*

John’s stark warnings set the tone for much of the story of Jesus. John prepared the way, not knowing what it would actually look like when God’s kingdom arrived; and John was himself puzzled at the outcome (Mt. 11.2-6). Jesus’ own mission was quite different from what people sometimes imagine; the comfort and healing of his kingdom-message was balanced by the stern and solemn warning that when God comes back he demands absolute allegiance. If God really is God, he isn’t simply the kindly, indulgent, easy-going parent we sometimes imagine.

*Tom Wright*

Israel has been back in the land for several centuries, but at the same time they have not seen the complete fulfillment of the promises of return. Now they are going to see that. They are still in exile not because they are under the dominion of Rome but because they are under a much worse oppression. When the Pharisees and Sadducees come to John, he addresses them as a brood of vipers, children of the devil not children of Abraham. Israel, especially her leaders, is under the dominion of the devil (John 8). Israel must prepare for the coming of Yahweh and for the end of exile. [John] baptizes in the wilderness (v.1) and at the Jordan (v.5) because his baptism ritually enacts that return; those baptized by John cross the Jordan from exile back into the land (cf. Ezekiel 36).

*Peter Leithart*

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- ▲ Congregation Stands
- ▼ Congregation Sits

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.  
For a large-print edition of the bulletin, please call the church office.

Collect for the Day



Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- ▼ PRELUDE



Congregation sings refrain between verses.



For Je-ho-vah knows the way of the right-eous, but the way of the wic-ked shall per-ish.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked  
Nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers*

*The righteous delight in the law of Jehovah, and on his law doth he meditate day and night  
The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away*

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water that bringeth forth its fruit in its season  
Whose leaf also doth not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper*

- ▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1–3



Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

People: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

People: And extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,

People: The great King above all gods.

## ▲ Kyrie Eleison



1.



Ky-ri-e E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-teE - lei - son, have mer - cy, Ky-ri-e E-

2.



cy. 1. As we come be - fore you with the needs of our world, we con -  
2. When the cries of vic - tims go un - heard in the land, and the  
3. If we love our God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and we  
4. Lord, re - new our vi - sion to be Christ where we live, to reach



fess our fail - ures and our sin, for our words are man - y yet our  
scars of war re - fuse to heal; will we stand for jus - tice to em -  
love our neigh - bors as our - selves, then this law of love will heal the  
out in mer - cy to the lost; For each cup of kind - ness to the



deeds have been few; fan the fire of com - pas - sion once a - gain. Ky-ri-e E -  
pow - er the weak till their bonds of op - pres - sion are no more?  
na - tions of earth, and the glo - ry of Christ will be re - vealed.  
least in our midst is an of - fring of wor - ship to the throne.

## ▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



**Leader:** According to the Westminster Confession of Faith, sin is any lack of conformity to or transgression of any law God has given us. But God does not leave us to perish in our sin, but of his mere love and mercy delivers his elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation. In this hope, let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together by praying—God the Father, Creator and Ruler of Heaven and Earth; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

**Left:** God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

**Right:** God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the Faithful; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

**Unison:** Holy, blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons, one God;  
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

## ▼ Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:34



And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## ▲ 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.



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## ▲ Blessed Jesus Thee We Sing



1.Bles - sed Jes - us, Thee we sing, Thou of Life E - ter - nal Spring.  
2.Lord, from Thee sal - va - tion flows; this the ran - somed sin - ner knows.  
3.None shall glo - ry in Thy sight of their la - bors of their might;  
4.Grace shall be our end - less theme; Free re - demp - tion glo - rious scheme!



Thou art wor - thy, Thou a - lone, Thou the Rock and Cor - ner stone.  
Thou, O Christ, are all his plea, when he sees his pov - er - ty.  
All who are taught by Thee shall know, liv - ing faith from God must flow.  
This will be the song a - bove; Praise to Je - sus praise His love.

## ▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



**Unison:** We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
who made the heaven and the earth  
and the seas and all the things that are in them;  
and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God,  
who was made flesh for our salvation;  
and in the Holy Spirit, who made known through the prophets  
the plan of salvation, and the coming, and the birth from a virgin,  
and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead,  
and the bodily ascension into heaven of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
and his future appearing from heaven  
in the glory of the Father to sum up all things and to raise anew  
all flesh of the whole human race. Amen.

▼ PRAYER



**Unison:** Almighty God, you are the author of peace and lover of unity, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

▼ OFFERING

Matthew 5:23–24



Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

*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](http://www.wheatlandpca.org/give) or by mail.  
If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at [Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org](mailto:Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org).*

▼ God Be Merciful to Me



God, be mer - ci - ful to me,  
My trans-gres-sions I con - fess,  
Gra - cious God my heart re - new,

on thy grace I rest my plea;  
grief and guilt my soul op - press;  
make my spir - it right and true;



Plen - teous in com - pas-sion thou;  
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace,  
Cast me not a - way from thee,

Blot out my trans - gres-sions now;  
and pro-voked thee to thy face;  
Let thy spir - it dwell in me;



Wash me, make me pure with-in,  
I con-fess thy judge-ment just;  
Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part;

cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
Speech-less, I thy mer - cy trust.  
Stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

## ▼ PROCLAMATION

Matthew 3:1-12



<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,<sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”<sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,<sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.<sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.<sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

▼ **Jesus in the Wilderness: Preparation**

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.

## ▼ We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing without hearts re - stored.



He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er. We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God.  
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid.  
3. Ev'-ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful one.



We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro-tek - ed, gath-ered up.  
For the prom-ised morn-ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to-gether, bring sha - lom.

## ▼ How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us! How vast be-yond all mea - sure!  
2. Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;



That he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.  
A - shamed I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.  
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear-ing loss. The Fa - ther turned his face a - way;  
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;  
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer;



as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ran - som.

## ▲ 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

2 Corinthians 13:14



May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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## LIFE TOGETHER

### THIS WEEK AT WHEATLAND

#### Sunday, Feb 22

8:30 & 11:15am Worship  
10:15am Sunday Classes  
6:30pm Roots Youth Group

#### Tuesday, Feb 24

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

#### Wednesday, Feb 25

9:15am Women's Bible Study  
7:00pm ESL Classes

#### Thursday, Feb 26

6:30am Men's Virtual Bible Study  
7:00pm Men's Discipleship Group  
7:00pm Women's Bible Study

#### Saturday, Feb 28

8:00am Women's Bible Study

#### Sunday, March 1

8:30 & 11:15am Worship  
10:15am Sunday Classes  
6:30pm Roots Youth Group

### LOOKING AHEAD

April 11 Spring Work Day

July 25 Church Picnic

### ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

#### The Church and its Worship: The Sacraments

Jeff Barrall and Glyn Boone | Sanctuary

#### Mental Health and the Church

Keith Winder | Room 10

### BABY NEWS

We are so happy to announce the birth of Esther Claire Long on February 13! Congratulations to Nate and Amanda Long and their children, Andrew and Lydia. Welcome to the Wheatland family baby Esther!

# LIFE TOGETHER

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Through your generous giving to the special Christmas offering, we were able to give \$6300 to Hines Uganda Ministry (HUM) which ministers to the spiritual, physical, and practical needs of widows and orphans in Uganda. Thank you for supporting HUM!

## DISCIPLESHIP: TRIADS

Triads are gatherings of three men or three women who seek to grow more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. Triads meet regularly (weekly, twice a month, or monthly) to study the Scriptures, read through a book, pray, and deepen our fellowship with one another. Create your own triad with some fellow Wheatlanders or reach out to Keith Winder

[kwinder@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for help or questions.

## CHURCH DATA BASE - ELEXIO

Do you have the 'Church by MinistryOne' app for our Elexio database? If you've ever wanted to view and update your profile on Elexio, view the church calendar, give online or view your statement of giving, you may want to download this free app. Full instructions for accessing Elexio, either on your computer or by using the app on your phone, are in the Narthex and also on our website under the tab 'Grow' and then 'My Wheatland'. You can further help our Wheatland community get to know you by uploading your photo to your profile.

## 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 Betsy at [bboone@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org).

## APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Apologetics for the Church is hosting a one-day seminar on **March 7: Answering the Big Questions** at Ephrata Community Church for anyone 12+. We will address questions about evolution, AI, the reliability of the Gospels, and the problem of evil and suffering. See Mark Farnham or go to <https://apologeticsforthechurch.org/upcoming-events/> for more information. The cost is \$35.

## SQUARE HALO '26

Founded by Leslie Bustard, this two-day event draws attendees from all over the country. A conference for "ordinary saints," this year features Dr. Curt Thompson as keynote speaker and Jon Guerra as the featured performer. A wide range of other speakers and presenters will be there as well, including some of our own: Ellie Green, Kimberly Ibarra, Ned Bustard, and Tom Becker. **March 6-7** at the Square Halo Gallery. For tickets, go to <https://www.squarehalobooks.com/store/square-halo-26-conference-ticket>.

# LIFE TOGETHER

## MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

*Monday Bible Study* – Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7pm in the Augustine Room. Contact Keith at [kwinder@wheatlandpca.org](mailto: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](mailto:Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag) for details.

## YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

If you fall into the early 20's to early 30's age group, check out our Young Adult ministry!

**Young Adult Game Night** is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month for a time of fellowship and fun. We'll play a variety of tabletop and board games and enjoy some light snacks. If you have questions, contact Samuel at (717) 847-3559 or [SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org).

**Young Adult Book Study** is held on the on the third Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm, concluding June 18. Together, we'll be reading *Against the Machine: On the Unmaking of Humanity* by Paul Kingsnorth.

**Young Adult Sunday Lunches** happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. A text or email RSVP to Samuel is requested.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

*The Young Moms Book Group* | We are reading and discussing *For the Love of Discipline* by Sara Wallace, meeting on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00pm. For more info contact Chicory Biers [chicorybiers@gmail.com](mailto:chicorybiers@gmail.com).

*Women's Discipleship Events: Save the dates!*

- Apr. 18, 7:00-9:00pm Small Group Activities
- June 13 10am-12pm Year-End Celebration

## *Wheatland Women's Spring Bible Studies*

- Wednesday Morning: This study meets weekly at the church from 9:15-11:00am and is studying James. Childcare is provided. Contact Beth Slough [baslough@gmail.com](mailto:baslough@gmail.com).
- Thursday Night: This study meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at the Beirs' house from 7:00-8:30pm, studying the book of Romans. Contact Erin Quillen [equillen@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:equillen@wheatlandpca.org).
- Saturday Morning: This study meets 2x/month at the church from 8:00-9:30am and is studying 1&2 Peter and Jude. Contact Catherine Achor [Kitkatvt85@gmail.com](mailto:Kitkatvt85@gmail.com).

## ROOTS YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

If you or your student are in grades 6–12, check out the Roots Youth Activities at Wheatland! Sunday night gatherings happen every Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00pm. Sunday School Classes meet in the Harvest House during the Sunday School hour.

## LIFE TOGETHER

### 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.

### FOOD BANK

We collect food every Sunday for a local affordable senior housing apartment complex, LongCrest, on W. Walnut St. Our donations of non-perishable food and household items can make a difference for them. Please think about them when you are shopping and pick up a few extra items that a household of one could use. Place your donations in the box in the narthex.

### ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE

Although we now have a wonderful new parking lot, we continue to have a need for more parking spaces. On Sunday mornings additional parking is available at the Dr. Scott Creisher dental office at 1059 Columbia Ave. Street parking is also available on Wheatland Ave. **Please consider occasionally parking at either of these locations and avoid parking too close to neighbors' driveways.**

### WHEATLAND COMMUNICATIONS

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please contact Betsy at [bboone@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:bboone@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](http://www.wheatlandpca.org). Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service and adult Sunday classes are also on the website.

### 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 contact Sue Seevers at [seseevers49@gmail.com](mailto:seseevers49@gmail.com).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## Ruling Elders

John Bast  
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Joe Hunter  
Les Slough

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Bill Bradley  
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Justin Harbin  
Peter Horning  
Joseph Kiehl  
Jesse Sanders  
Dave Smith  
Dain Zimmerman

## Deaconesses

Crista Bush  
Kim Byne  
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Becky Smith  
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](mailto: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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# WORSHIP

## (a children's Guide)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God invites us to come worship Him.

**HYMNS & SONGS**

We sing to God about His greatness and what He has done for us.

**CONFESSiON**

We say to God we are sorry for the sin we have done.

**ASSURANCE  
OF PARDON**

God reminds us that He has forgiven us for all of our sins.

**THANKSGIVING**

We tell God and each other how happy we are that we're forgiven.

**BAPTISM**

God puts His mark on us and sets us apart as holy to live for His glory.

**CREED**

We tell the world what we believe about God and His love.

**PRAYER**

We talk to God. We tell Him what we love about Him and ask for what we need.

**OFFERING**

We give a little gift to God to thank Him for what He has given to us.

**SCRIPTURE/SERMON**

God talks to us. The preacher explains God's Word.

**LORD'S SUPPER**

God feeds us at His table with the Body and Blood of Jesus.

**BENEDICTION**

God sends us out into the world with His blessing.

# Wheatland Missionary Spotlight

## Dr. Kelsey Kreyche

You are invited to pray for one of our members, Dr. Kelsey Kreyche, who will be serving at Hospital Loma De Luz in Honduras Feb 18 -March 12, May 12-28, and Aug 4 -27. At this local Christian hospital that partners with Samaritan's Purse, Kelsey will serve as a physician alongside Honduran and ex-pat providers. Her role will include care for inpatients, outpatients, ER/Trauma, and night coverage. She will also serve as a Consultant and Educator to the local physicians, which invests into this community beyond her length of stay. Her hope is that God will use these trips to further His Kingdom work and enrich her love for the Lord.



### How to pray for Kelsey:

- Pray for God's continued work in using Hospital Loma De Luz as a means of the love and ministry of Jesus Christ in Honduras.
- Supply chain is constantly vulnerable to political changes, regional powers (narcos), and international influences. While we have historically operated despite this, disruptions are more frequent so we are trying to source more from WITHIN Honduras. Pray for these new sources, relationships, and resources we must import.
- With rainy season ending, Hospital LDL will host many visiting medical missionaries this spring/summer. Pray that local and foreign missionaries will be filled with the grace of God, spiritual encouragement, and holiness.
- God's continued favor on the many logistics, Kelsey's health, and her partnership as a physician at Hospital LDL.

If you would like to receive email prayer updates, please email [Kelsey.kreyche@gmail.com](mailto:Kelsey.kreyche@gmail.com).

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## 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.

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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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