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REFLECTIONS

Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward;

If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast!

And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.

And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too.

And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.

He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.

The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together!

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty,

for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hell when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below." Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.

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It was in an uproar because it is mocked.

It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.

It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.

It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God.

It took earth, and encountered Heaven.

It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

~ The Easter Sermon of John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople (c. 400AD)

March 31, 2024 | Resurrection Morning

▲ CONGREGATION STANDS▼ CONGREGATION SITS

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Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

V P R E L U D E



▲ CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 98:1-4



LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song,

PEOPLE: for he has done marvelous things;

LEADER: his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The

LORD has made his salvation known

PEOPLE: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

LEADER: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

PEOPLE: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

LEADER: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

PEOPLE: burst into jubilant song with music.

Proclamation

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LEADER: Christ is Risen:

PEOPLE: The world below lies desolate

LEADER: Christ is Risen:

The spirits of evil are fallen PEOPLE:

LEADER: Christ is Risen:

PEOPLE: The angels of God are rejoicing

LEADER: Christ is Risen:

PEOPLE: The tombs of the dead are empty

LEADER: Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,

UNISON: Glory and power are his forever and ever!

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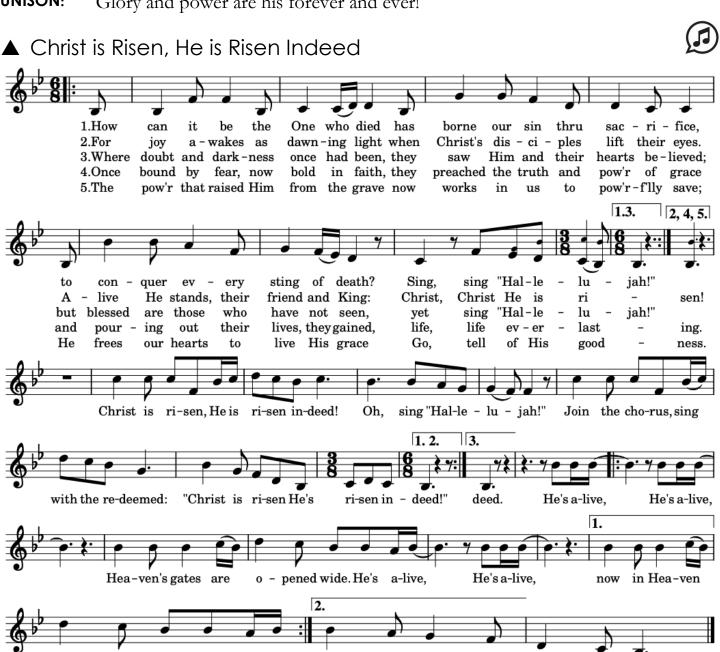
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▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



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

UNISON: O God, who for our redemption

gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection delivered us

from the power of our enemy, grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him

in the joy of his resurrection,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 65:2-4



O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

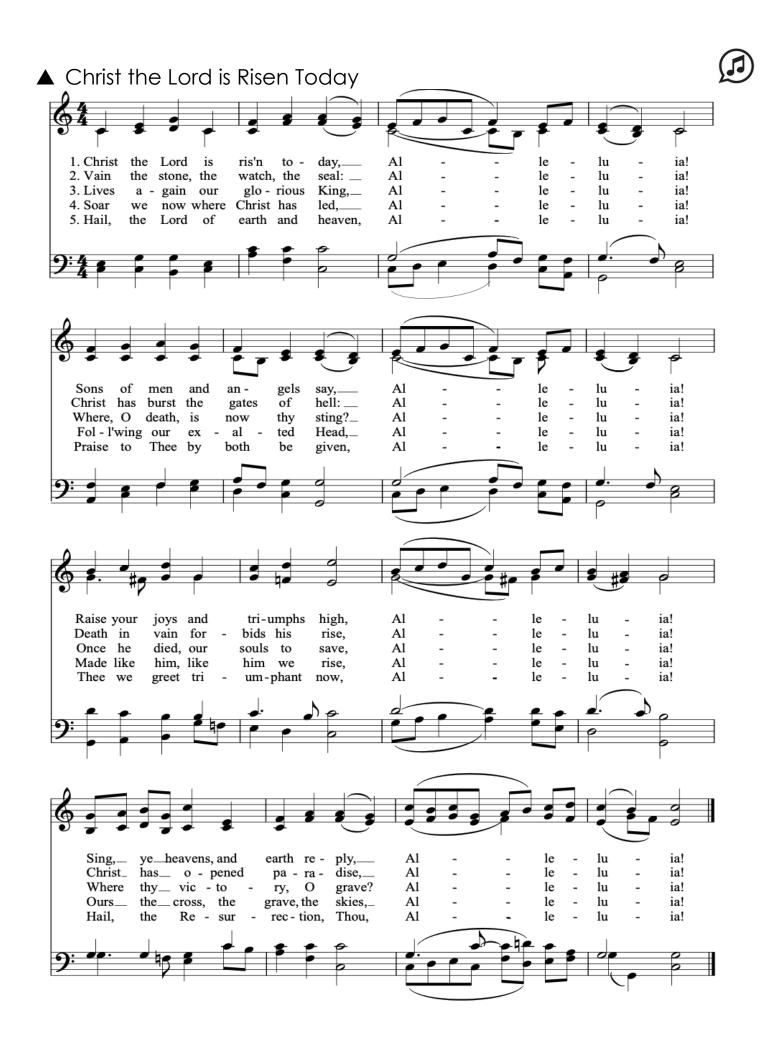
▲ THANKSGIVING



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.



▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



LEADER: Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

LEFT: First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together!

RIGHT: Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

LEADER: You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for

the Table is richly laden!

LEFT: Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.

RIGHT: Let no one go away hungry.

LEADER: Partake, all, of the cup of faith.

UNISON: Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

LEADER: He destroyed Hell. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.

LEFT: O death, where is your sting?

RIGHT: O Hell, where is your victory?

LEADER: Christ is Risen, and You, O Death, are annihilated!

LEFT: Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

RIGHT: Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

LEFT: Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;

LEADER: To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

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▲ GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



V PRAYER



LEADER:

O God, who for our redemption gave your Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

▼ OFFERING

PSALM 50:14



Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High.

Children, ages 3 -5 years, are dismissed to the Fellowship Hallway for Children's Worship Training. Children will be served a small snack and a mini cup of juice: 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.

▼ He is Alive!



Three times the rooster crowed reminding me of what I'd done
Our hearts are breaking, oh my Lord, we thought you were the One
But we saw you hanging on that tree, we heard you breathe your very last
And for three days, oh my Lord, we forgot your words of past
But then Mary said she saw you in the garden and John and I we ran so we could see
The stone was rolled like we'd been told, Oh my Lord, can it be?

Congregation sings chorus







Then we saw you in the upper room but Thomas, he would not believe Til his hands could feel your wounds, the wounds which are healing mine* The wounds of Love Divine!

Sing chorus

Three times you questioned my love, Lord, you know my love and it's not enough You see my weakness, and my shame. Is it love, with this to my name? But there's forgiveness in the words you speak, and your forgiveness Lord I dare to seek. And there's Gospel in your question plain. Oh, I loved you Lord even as I denied your name. And if you forgive my deep and utter smallness, and if you can love my wretched, needy heart Then I'll follow you, oh I'll follow you, oh my Lord, lead on! Lead on!

Sing chorus

▼ PROCLAMATION

JOHN 20:1-18



¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



Rev. Luke D. Le Duc



▲ 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 gluten free. Wine is in the clear cups. Grape juice is in the purple cups. Please hold the bread and the cup until invited to eat and drink. We welcome our children to come forward to the Table for prayer (see Children and Communion at the back of this order of worship). 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.

▼ Jesus, Thank You 1. The mys t'ry of ____ the cross __ I can - not pre - hend, . By Your per - fect sac brought near. ri - fice I've been the — ag - o - nies _ of Cal va -Your en - e - my __ You've made__ friend. Your fect Ho ly One, _ crushed ___ Your Son, You, the per -Who Pour - ing out _ the rich Your es of glo Your rious grace, drank the bit - ter cup ___ re - serve mer - cy and ____ Your kind - ness know re - served _ for _ me. Your no ___ _ end. CHORUS blood has washed a - way _ my sin. ___ Je - sus, thank ___ You. The Fa - ther's wrath _ com - plete - ly sat - is - fied, ___ Je - sus, thank ___ You. seat - ed at ___ Your ta -Je - sus, Once Your en - e - my, ___ now ble, BRIDGE go to vs. 2 thank __ You. Lov - er of _____ soul, __ my Ι want $_$ to live for ___ You. __



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: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits 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

JUDE 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Confession of Faith adapted from a sermon by John Chrysostom.

*He is Alive! This marked line inspired from a Malcolm Guite poem, A Sonnet for St Thomas the Apostle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from Psalm 103.

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LIFE TOGETHER

This Week at Wheatland

Sunday, March 31

8:30 & 10:30am Worship

Monday, April 1

7:00-8:30pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 2

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, April 3

9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm ESL Classes

Thursday, April 4

7:30am Prayer at Becker's, 413 College Ave. 7:00-9:00pm Men's Discipleship Group

Sunday, April 7

8:30 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday Classes 6:30-8:00pm Roots Youth Group

Looking Ahead

July 27 – Church Picnic

Baby News

We are so happy to announce the birth of Cana Sapphire Nenstiel on March 23! Congratulations to Seth and Paige Nenstiel and their children, Jericho, Cypress, and Asher. Welcome to the family, baby Cana!

The Row House Forum

Next at The Row House Forum: How do we know what is *really* real, true, or good? Those sorts of questions are what Dr. Esther Meek's life and work are all about. She returns to Lancaster to speak on Saturday, **April 20** at 7:00pm at WestArt Community Center, 816 Buchanan Avenue Lancaster. Dr. Meek is a retired Geneva College professor of Philosophy and an in-demand epistemologist (the study of knowing). Her talk *Everyday Beauty and Philosophy for Everyday People*, will be accompanied by the best coffee in Lancaster and great desserts. Find out more and reserve your seats at www.therowhouse.org, or speak to Tom Becker. Reservations are recommended for this event.

Spring Work Day

Come Saturday, April 13, from 8am to 1pm, for our Spring Cleaning/Work Day to help get the property ready for the spring and summer months. Lunch is provided for all participants. We welcome window washers, painters, general repair people, & cleaners of all ages. Even if you're only able to come for a few hours, your help would be greatly appreciated. The majority of work this year will be indoors. While we encourage families to participate, please keep in mind that there is continued construction on our campus and that those outside should refrain from playing on or around construction equipment and supplies. Contact Joseph Kiehl josephkiehl@gmail.com 717-598-9284 with any questions.

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.

Wheatland Diaconate

The Diaconate at Wheatland (deacons and deaconesses) work to manage the upkeep of the property 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 (names are in the back of the bulletin and contact information is in Elexio) or email Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org.

Good Neighbor Project Workshop

Difficult Dialogues: Engaging Hot Topics with Truth & Grace with Keith Winder Saturday, April 6, 9:00am -12:00pm West Art Community Center Info & tickets at gnplancaster.org/april.

LIFE TOGETHER

Women's Discipleship

Saturday morning Bible Study – Will resume in Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd the fall meeting twice per month from 7:30 to 9:00am. For more information, contact Catherine Achor at kitkatyt85@gmail.com.

Evening Bible Study - Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Erin Quillen erinbquillen@gmail.com or at (717) 679-1317.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Meets 9:30am in the narthex. We are studying 1 Corinthians, using a study guide by NT Wright. Please email Joy Manning at fimanning@msn.com for more info. Study runs through May 1.

Quarterly Women's Events

The Women's Discipleship team is planning quarterly events to create opportunities for you to connect with other women at Wheatland. Please save the following dates: May 4, August 3, and **November 9**. Details and sign-up links will be communicated via email. With questions, please contact Erin Quillen (erinbquillen@gmail.com).

PCA Women's Conference

Made for More Conference: The PCA Women's Ministry will be hosting the *Made for More* Conference in Annapolis, MD on Nov. 15-16. This conference is open to women and girls in grades 3-12. For more information or to register, visit https://women.pcacdm.org/made-for-more/.

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 Narthex from 6:30-8:00pm.

Sunday School Classes meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building during the Sunday School hour.

Men's Discipleship

Mondays in the Narthex. Contact Keith Winder (kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for details.

Wednesday 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 Paul Chase 717-220-4209 for more information.

Weekly Discipleship Group – Meets on Thursday evenings in the Narthex from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Call/text Edmund Byne at 404-583-4253 or email 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 Wheatland's Young Adult ministry!

Young Adult Book Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Spatola's house, 748 Barr Blvd. Lancaster. We are reading Open & Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life by W. David O. Taylor.

Young Adult Sunday Lunches also meet at the Spatola's house. We will gather for lunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month shortly after the late service. A text or email RSVP is requested to Samuel at SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org. or (717) 847-3559.

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 <u>kwinder@wheatlandpca.org</u> for help or questions.

LIFE TOGETHER

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.

Wheatland Communications

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please email your contact information to the church office and we will add your name to the list. Send your info to Betsy at bboone@wheatlandpca.org.

Wheatland Recordings

Recordings of the sermons are available on the church website, www.wheatlandpca.org.
Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service as well as both adult Sunday

classes are also on the website. For CD copies of the worship service, please contact the office at bboone@wheatlandpca.org.

Prayer Chain

Prayer is an important part of our church life. If you have a prayer request or would like to join with more than 90 other Wheatlanders who are committed to bearing one another's burdens in prayer on the Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Seevers at seseevers 49@gmail.com.

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.

Care Groups

Our congregation is organized by geographical lines into Care Groups. These groups meet twice a month to share meals and deepen fellowship with each other. Care Groups are organized as follows:

Lancaster City (Northwest) - Luke and Terilyn Le Duc <u>lleduc@wheatlandpca.org</u>

Lancaster City (Southwest/East) - Joe and Tenli Hunter joeh1989@gmail.com

Hempfield - Bill and Catherine Achor kitkatvt85@gmail.com

School Lane Hills – Dain and Kristen
Zimmerman kristen.zimmerman@gmail.com
Hamilton Park - Jim and Joy Bates
ibates01@mac.com

Mountville/Millersville - Dallas and Diane Wolgemuth dndwolgemuth@gmail.com

Lampeter Strasburg - Paul and Deb Kreider PHKIII@verizon.net

Leola/New Holland – Glyn and Betsy Boone Glynboone@outlook.com

Manheim Township - Dan and Tara Spanjer daniel.spanjer@live.com

Ruling Elders

Bill Achor Jeff Barrall John Bast Glyn Boone Ned Bustard Joe Hunter Les Slough

Deacons

Jon Bush
Peter Horning
Joseph Kiehl
Dave Smith
Dain Zimmerman

Deaconesses

Jess Bagge Laura Chapman Sharon Givler Amanda Long Priscilla Parker Katie Piser Beth Slough Becky Smith Diane Wolgemuth

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.



The Bigger Picture

The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) intends to preserve its motto, Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission. This 50-year-old denomination is the second largest Presbyterian Church in North America. (We say

"in North America" because some PCA churches are in Canada.) It has 1923 churches divided into 87 presbyteries to cover Alaska to Florida and Newfoundland to Hawaii. — With such a vast area as our home mission field there obviously are large areas with no PCA Church.

A Church Planting Goal for 2033

Earlier this year Mission to North America set the goal of expanding to 3000 churches by 2033 – essentially a 50% increase.

To meet that goal every presbytery will need to grow by 50%. For our Presbytery, which currently has 23 churches, we will need to add 11.5 rounded to 12 churches, which is a little more than one church per year.

This is a Seemingly Impossible Task

Growth will depend on the **prayers** of all the PCA people in the Susquehanna Valley, as well as their giving and practical involvement.

Growth will depend on finding **the right men** to lead these new churches. Happily, we already have a few who want to do that.

Growth will depend on the **financial commitment** of our churches. SVP has an Operating Reserve Fund of \$133,000, which is a good start.

Growth will depend on several SVP churches **starting daughter churches**. Some SVP churches are already working on doing that.

Growth will depend on the **practical involvement of individual believers** who help the formation of new churches. – **Would you be willing to be part of a Daughter Church?**

Thanks to Trica Sharp, whose practical involvement led to her design of the logo above.

Spotlighting a Wheatland Ministry

Who: Cheryl Erb

Where: Engaging Disability with the Gospel

Engaging Disability With The Gospel is the denominational disability ministry

of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). They coach churches to disciple and enfold kids, teens, and adults with disabilities. They also own and

operate Simply the Gospel, an online store specializing in the creation, publishing, and sale of Bible resources adapted to support the discipleship of unique learners. Cheryl supports

many areas on the operational side of the ministry and also manages the store.

- Prayer: 1. Pray for our coaching staff to effectively equip and encourage churches and individuals, and for the churches as they take the next small steps to enfold those impacted by disability in their congregations.
 - 2. Pray for me as I serve across many operational aspects of our ministry, that I would glorify the Lord in my interactions with staff, donors, church members, and others.
 - 3. Please pray for me as I travel to three different conferences from February through April representing our store. Pray for God-honoring interactions, smooth travel, and good health during all of these trips.

To learn more about the work of Cheryl Erb and her ministry, visit engaging disability.org/cheryl-erb/ To learn more about the online resource store, visit simplythegospel.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.

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