



 Wheatland

REFLECTIONS

In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me:

“Son of man, raise a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him:

“You consider yourself a lion of the nations,
but you are like a dragon in the seas;
you burst forth in your rivers,
trouble the waters with your feet,
and foul their rivers.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I will throw my net over you
with a host of many peoples,
and they will haul you up in my dragnet.

And I will cast you on the ground;
on the open field I will fling you,
and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you,
and I will gorge the beasts of the whole earth with you.”

~ Ezekiel 32:1-4

The world isn't simply going round and round in circles, as many religions and philosophies teach. It's going in a straight line towards a goal, and it's going there quite fast. The coming of Jesus began the process of final judgment. As he taught and lived the kingdom, the world was divided sharply into two, into those who were swept off their feet by him and those who resisted and rejected his gospel. That process continued through the first generation. It reached a climax when the city and regime that had rejected Jesus was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. It continues still, and will do so until the day when God will remake the whole world in justice and truth, and all who have shaped and formed themselves around injustices and lies will find that they are like the bad fish that the fisherman will be forced to throw away. The choice is real, stark and sharp.

~ N. T. Wright

Within the church we shall always find good and bad, real and unreal. And although we have been told in the parable of the weeds not to expect a pure world or church on earth and not to make our judgment now, the day will come when God will make his final separation.

~ Michael Green

Don't think the way things are now is the final word. Just as the unrepentant should take no comfort in this temporary state, so the repentant should take no discouragement from it. Things will be made right.

~ J. Mark Bertrand

April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

▲ CONGREGATION STANDS

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.

▼ CONGREGATION SITS

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O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

▼ P R E L U D E



▲ CALL TO WORSHIP 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-10



LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

PEOPLE: Make known among the nations what he has done.

LEADER: Sing to him,

PEOPLE: Sing praise to him;

LEADER: Tell of all his wonderful acts.

PEOPLE: Glory in his holy name;

UNISON: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

▲ 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 SIN



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

UNISON: Almighty heavenly Father, you have searched us and you know us.

You know when we sit and when we rise; you perceive our thoughts from afar. You discern our going out and our lying down; you are familiar with all our ways. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon

HEBREWS 7:24-25



But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

▲ 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.

▲ He Leadeth Me



1 He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -
 3 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heav - enly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er
 by Thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e're I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me; by His own hand He lead - eth me:

His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by His hand He lead - eth me.



▲ CONFESSIO N OF FAITH

UNISON: We confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood;
LEFT: truly God and truly man, of a soul and body;
having the same nature as the Father according to the Godhead,
and having the same nature with us according to the Manhood;
RIGHT: in all things like unto us, without sin;
begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead,
and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation,
LEFT: born of the Virgin Mary, according to the Manhood;
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten,
to be acknowledged in two natures, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably;
RIGHT: the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union,
but rather the property of each nature being preserved,
and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence,
UNISON: not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son,
and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;
as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him,
and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us,
and the creeds of the holy Fathers have handed down to us.

▲ G O S P E L

JOHN 10:11-18



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▼ OFFERING

PSALM 4:4-5



In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.

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.

▼ Psalm 23



1.The Lord of love my shep - herd is, and he that doth me feed.
2.(He) leads me to the ten - der grass, where I both feed and rest;
3.(Or) if I stray he will con - vert and bring my mind in frame:



While he is mine and I am his what can_ I want or need?
Then to the streams that gent - ly pass, in both_ I have the best.
And all is not for my de - spair but for_ his ho - ly name.



What can_ I want or need? 2.He Yes in death's shad - y
In both I have the best. 3.Or
For his ho - ly name.



black a - bode, it's there I'll walk, not fear: For Thou art with me, and Thy



rod to guide Thy staff to bear. So all your sweet and wond' - rous



love shall guide me all my days, and as it nev - er shall re - move, so nei - ther



shall my praise. so nei - ther shall my praise.

▼ PROCLAMATION

MATTHEW 13:47-52



⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

▼ **Gathering and Sorting**
Manuscripts of the sermon are available.

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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry.

Bless'd is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.

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.

▼ Behold the Lamb



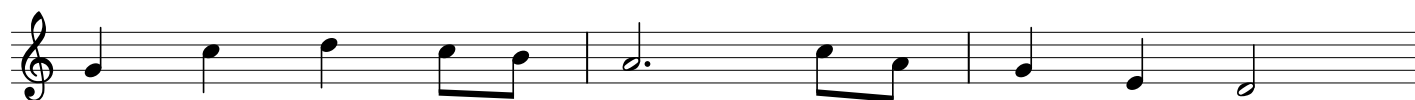
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us_
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you_
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you_
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond_



and we re-mem-ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
eat and re-mem-ber; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heaven



a - round the ta - ble of the King.

▼ All I Have is Christ



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way.
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - f'rent to the cost,
 3. Now, Lord I would be Yours a - lone and live so all might see



The sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me to the grave.
 You looked up - pon my help - less state and led me to the cross.
 the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me.



I had no hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will,
 And I be - held God's love dis - played, You suffered in my place;
 O Fa - ther use my ran - somed life in an - y way You choose,



and if You had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still.
 You bore the wrath re - served for me; Now all I know is grace!
 and let my song for - ev - er be; My on - ly boast is You.



Ha - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Ha - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life!

▲ 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,
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.



▲ B E N E D I C T I O N

I THESSALONIANS 3:16,18



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you . . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Confession of Faith adapted from the Chalcedonian Creed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from Psalm 103.

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LIFE TOGETHER

This Week at Wheatland

Sunday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 23

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

7:30am Prayer at Becker's, 413 College Ave.

Sunday, April 28

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

Looking Ahead

July 27 – Church Picnic

Adult Sunday Class

Honest Prayer, Lasting Hope

Clint Watkins / Sanctuary

New Adult Sunday Class Next Week

We have a new adult Sunday class starting **next Sunday, April 28**. This class will run five consecutive weeks, through 5/26.

Habakkuk

Sanctuary – Keith Winder

During the prophet Habakkuk's ministry, the national life of Israel was completely falling apart. But the words we have from Habakkuk are not words of judgment against Israel. Instead, Habakkuk addresses God, wondering if God is good, then why is he not doing something about the evil of Israel. Then, God responds. So, we will see that the book of Habakkuk is a window into, "what if we heard God's response to our lament?"

Women's Discipleship Event

For our next Women's Discipleship event, join us for a series of small group events happening simultaneously in several locations on Saturday, **May 4** from 2-4:00pm. These activities will create space to build deeper connections with women at Wheatland in a small-group setting. Use the QR code to sign up. Please contact Erin Quillen erinbquillen@gmail.com with questions.



Adoption Support Group

Wheatland members Dan and Liz Grubb host an adoption and foster care support group for parents on the **4th Monday of each month** at 6:30-8:00pm at Wheatland in the Narthex. Dan is a licensed counselor with Matters of the Heart Counseling LLC and will be facilitating the group discussion. Community and family support will be encouraged and supported outside of group meetings as well. If you are interested in learning more or know a family who would benefit, please email dan@counselingmail.com.

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.

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.

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Men's Discipleship

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd 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-8:30pm. 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.

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.

Women's Discipleship

Saturday morning Bible Study – Will resume in the fall meeting twice per month from 7:30 to 9:00am. For more information, contact Catherine Achor at kitkatvt85@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 fjmanning@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/>.

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 for help or questions.

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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 seseevers49@gmail.com.

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 listed in next column and contact information is in Elexio) or email Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org.

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 lleduc@wheatlandpca.org

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 jbates01@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.

Spotlighting a Wheatland Missionary

Who: Matt & Jenn Irvine, their children Malachi(20), Arielle(18), and Luke(14)

Where: London, England

Work: Matt and Jenn lead a Serge church planting team in northwest London whose vision is to establish a church that is understandable to British South Asians, mostly from Indian Gujarati Hindu or Jain backgrounds.



- Prayer:
1. Please pray for our Serge colleague (and brother to our brother-in-law) Eddie who has some difficult heart episodes in Spain and needs surgery.
 2. Please pray for our Wednesday street outreach time. We are getting opportunities to speak to many people from the Gujarati section of Western India who have just come as graduate students as well as people from all sorts of backgrounds including difficult to reach countries in the Middle East. Pray for the gospel to be heard and received.
 3. Please pray for the core of our church to have some good times of prayer as we ask the Lord to continue to build his church.

To receive the Irvine email prayer updates, email matt at mirvine@serge.org.

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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