

### REFLECTIONS

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

~ John 1:14-17

Anything we look to more than we look to Christ for our sense of acceptability, joy, significance, hope, and security is by definition our god – something we adore, serve, and rely on with our whole life and heart. In general, idols can be *good* things (family, achievement, work and career, romance, talent, etc. – even gospel ministry) that we turn into *ultimate* things to give us the significance and joy we need. Then they drive us into the ground because we must have them. A sure sign of the presence of idolatry is inordinate anxiety, anger, or discouragement when our idols are thwarted. So if we lose a good thing, it makes us sad, but if we lose an idol, it devastates us.

~ Tim Keller

Worldly wisdom knows what distress and weakness and failure are, but it does not know the godlessness of man. And so it does not know that man is destroyed only by his sin and can be healed only by forgiveness. Only the Christian knows this. In the presence of a psychiatrist I can only be a sick man; in the presence of a Christian brother I can dare to be a sinner... The brother views me as I am before the judging and merciful God in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The gospel speaks life-rearranging truth into every person's life, "comforting the disturbed and disturbing the comfortable." Those whose lives overflow need to learn gratitude, humility, generosity – alertness to temptations of presumption, superiority, and pride. Those whose lives run on empty need to learn hope, courage, patience – and alertness to temptations of despair, grumbling, and covetousness. All of us need to learn what lasts and what counts, whatever our conditions of life. All of us need to learn to comfort others with the comfort we receive from God. The Vinedresser's pruning shears are in every life.

~ David Powlison

Our sermon series, Renewed in the Gospel, at a glance:

#### **Learning the Gospel (first three weeks)**

#### 1. The Gospel is Good News (Jesus is King!)

- 2. The Gospel is God's Grace
- 3. The Gospel is God's Loving Confrontation

#### Living the Gospel (last three weeks)

- 4. Confidence in King Jesus and His Kingdom
- 5. Clarity in the Gospel
- 6. Comfort/Challenge for Sinners/Sufferers

Our sermon series, Renewed in the Gospel, in sentence form:

The gospel is good news (Jesus is King!), so we live with confidence in King Jesus and his kingdom. The gospel is God's grace, so we live with clarity in the gospel (resisting moralism). The gospel is God's loving confrontation for sinners, so we offer comfort and challenge for sinners and sufferers.

# June 22, 2025 | Second Sunday after Pentecost

▲ CONGREGATION STANDS

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.

▼ CONGREGATION SITS

For a large-print edition of the bulletin, please call the church office.



O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **▼** P R E L U D E

**But God** 



I once was dead in sin, living in passion of my flesh Chained up to all my desires, a child of wrath - Undone

I had no belonging, I had no home, exiled from purpose, weary and lone I was a stranger to promise with no hope, no grace - Unmade

Oh but God, oh but my God, He is great in mercy and steadfast in love Oh but God, oh but my God, His promise brings light eternal and his grace saved my life Oh but God, oh but my God, Faithful to faithless and good

Wonder of wonders, that you could take a sinner like me, to shape and remake To someone of your work for good works that you have prepared for me

### ▲ CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 89:1-8



LEADER: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

**PEOPLE:** with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

LEADER: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

**PEOPLE:** that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

LEADER: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn

to David my servant, I will establish your line forever,

**PEOPLE:** and make your throne firm through all generations."

LEADER: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

**PEOPLE:** your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. LEADER: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?

Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

**PEOPLE:** You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.



## ▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



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

**UNISON:** O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for your Name's sake.

Graciously look on our afflictions.

With pity regard the sorrows of our hearts; Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.



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.

### A 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 they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### ▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



LEADER: We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh

**PEOPLE:** and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LEADER: With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all

things, and makes all things new.

**PEOPLE:** Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person.

LEADER: He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us.

**PEOPLE:** Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven,

and will come again in glory and judgment.

LEADER: For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath.

PEOPLE: He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe.

LEADER: He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church,

**PEOPLE:** interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

**UNISON:** Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

### **▼** PRAYER



LEADER:

Grant, Almighty God, that as we set up against you so many obstacles through the depravity of our flesh and natural disposition, that we seem as it were to be intentionally striving to close up the door against your goodness and paternal favor, grant that our hearts may be so softened by your Spirit that we may submit ourselves to you, especially as you so kindly and tenderly invite us to yourself, that being drawn by your sweet invitation, we may run, and so run as not to be weary in our course, until Christ shall at length bring us together to you and that eternal life which he has obtained for us by his own blood. Amen.

### ▼ OFFERING

#### **REVELATION 4:11**

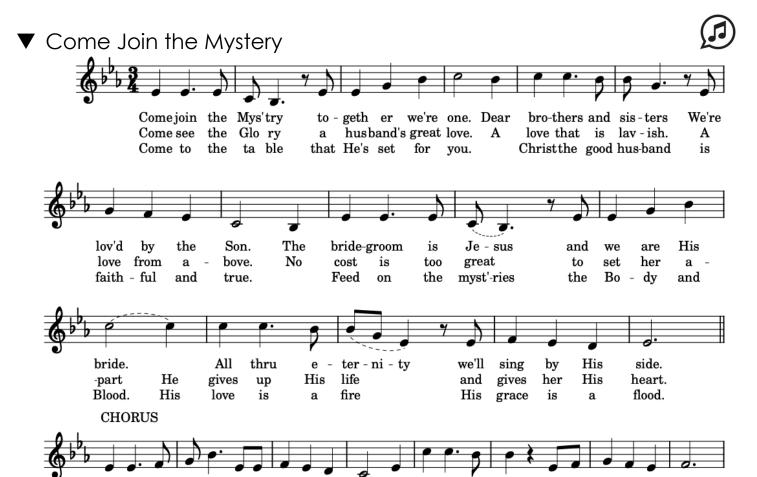


"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

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 <a href="www.wheatlandpca.org/give">www.wheatlandpca.org/give</a> or by mail. If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at <a href="mailto:Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org">Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org</a>.



 $I'm\ my\ Be\ -\ lo\cdot ved's\ my\ Be\ -\ lov\ -ed\ \ is\ \ mine.\ His\ \ bo\ -dy's\ my\ \ bread\ \ and\ His\ \ blood\ is\ my\ \ wine.$ 



We are his branches And He is our vine. We'll sing of His love for nowand all time.

### **▼ PROCLAMATION**

EPHESIANS 2:1-10



¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ¹ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁶ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁰ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

▼ Comfort and Challenge for Sinners and Sufferers

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



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

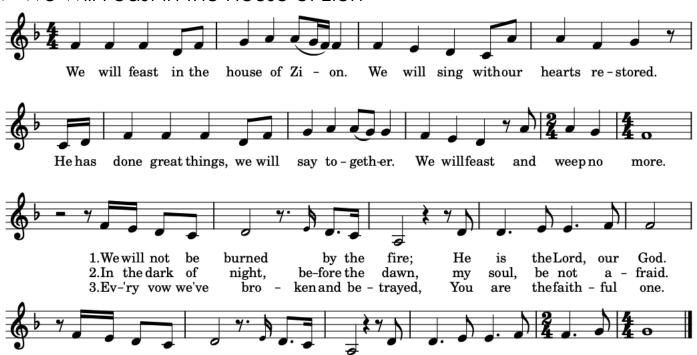
PASTOR:

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.

### ▼ We Will Feast in the House of Zion



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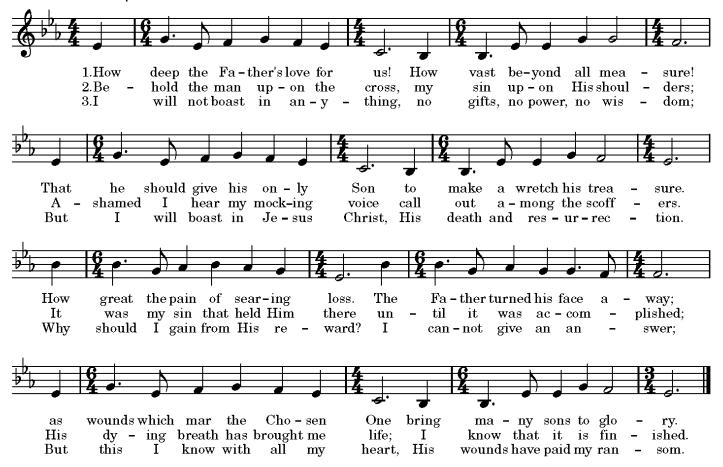
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### ▼ How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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# 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.



### **A** BENEDICTION

#### 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17



May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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Creed taken from The Ligonier Statement on Christology.

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#### LIFE TOGETHER

### This Week at Wheatland Sunday, June 22

8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:45-10:45am Fellowship Hour

#### Tuesday, June 24

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

#### Wednesday, June 25

#### Thursday, June 26

6:30am Men's Virtual Bible Study

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

7:00pm Men's Book Study

7:00pm Young Adult Game Night

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 29

8:30 & 10:30am Worship

9:45-10:45am Fellowship Hour

6:30pm Annual Congregational Meeting

### Disability Ministry

Wheatland's Disability Ministry strives to enfold attenders of all ability levels into the life of our church. We are looking for more volunteers to serve as Buddies (contact Cori Haughery to find out what Buddies do). If you know of an individual or family we could support, or if would like more information on how to get involved, contact cori.haughery@gmail.com.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, June 29 from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the sanctuary. During this meeting, the congregation will elect officers, vote on Session's recommendations for changes to the pastoral calls of Senior Pastor Luke D. Le Duc 9:30-11:00am Summer Playdate Lititz Springs and of Associate Pastor Keith A. Winder, and receive a report on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget that has been approved by the Session. Please note that while only members may vote, all Wheatland regular attendees are encouraged to attend.

#### Service Fair

Are you seeking opportunities to love and build up your church family through service here at Wheatland? On Sunday, July 27 from 9:45-10:45am Wheatland will be hosting a Service Fair in Room 10 next to the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be set up with information connecting you to the various service opportunities in our congregation. Whether you are new to Wheatland or if you've been here from the beginning, this is an excellent chance to deepen your engagement with us as we seek to live out the gracious life of God's Kingdom with each other and with our neighbors. Our Fellowship Hour refreshments will be available as usual.

#### LIFE TOGETHER

#### Westminster Church VBS

Westminster Presbyterian Church is holding their VBS July 21-24 from 9:00am - 12:00pm at their church at 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster. Their VBS is open to children 5 years old through completed 6th grade. Registration closes on July 13. Register on their website at westpca.com.

### Summer Park Playdates

Wheatland holds organized weekly summer playdates on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00am. Ladies without young children are welcome to join Although we now have a wonderful new parking in the fun to get to know other ladies and their young children! This week's playdate is **June 25** at Lititz Springs Park, 24 N. Broad St., Lititz.

### Church Camping Weekend

Wheatland's annual Family Camping weekend, scheduled for the weekend of July 18-20, 2025 at Gifford Pinchot State Park in York County, has a few open campsites from people unable to attend. locations to accommodate visitors and those for

Scan the QR code to see the details for the weekend and, if you are interested in taking an open spot, contact Ari at 518-222-9573 or abdykshoorn@gmail.com.



### Summer Fellowship Hour Help

Wheatland is once again holding a time of fellowship between our early and late services this summer. We hope many of you will be able to attend these. It is an especially good way to get to know others who attend the service you don't normally attend. We still need volunteers to help with various tasks. More information can be found at the signup genius link using this QR code. You can also contact Betsy at bboone@wheatlandpca.org

### **RUF Summer Gatherings**

RUF Millersville will be hosting Thursday night gatherings in June and July from 7-9pm at Chris and Kelsey Peter's home. They will have a time with food and fellowship followed by a Bible study. Chris would love to have any college aged Wheatlanders who are home for the summer participate in the events. Contact Chris at chris.peter@ruf.org or 571-488-7682.

## Additional Parking Available

lot, we continue to have a need for more parking spaces. We currently do not have parking available on the grass, which we had relied on in the past. 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 whom walking from off-site parking would be a challenge.

### Church Database - 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.

### LIFE TOGETHER

### Men's Discipleship

**Monday Bible Study** – Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00pm in the Augustine Room. Contact Keith at <a href="kwinder@wheatlandpca.org">kwinder@wheatlandpca.org</a> 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.

#### Men's Discipleship - Book Study

The Men's Discipleship group will meet this summer to study the book *The Soul of Shame* by Curt Thompson. The discussions will be held on some Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm through mid-August in Room 10. Contact Dick Bagge for details <a href="mailto:richardwbagge@gmail.com">richardwbagge@gmail.com</a> 706-231-2729.

### 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 Game Nights are held on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month for a time of fellowship and fun. All Wheatland young adults are invited to join us and bring friends. 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.

**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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org">bboone@wheatlandpca.org</a>.

Women's Discipleship

**Saturday Morning Bible Study** will resume in the fall.

Evening Bible Study – Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00pm through June. For more information, contact Erin Quillen at equillen@wheatlandpca.org.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume in the fall.

#### Summer Women's Book Club

From July 8 to August 12, a Women's Discipleship Book Club will meet to discuss (A) Typical Woman: Free, Whole, and Called in Christ by Abigail Dodds on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm at the church. Contact Erin Quillen at equillen@wheatlandpca.org.

Young Moms Book Group will resume in the fall, but has a WhatsApp group chat for summer pop-up gatherings. If you'd like to get connected, contact Chicory Biers at 570-691-4688.

### Discipleship: Triads

2025-2026 Good Neighbor Fellowship
The Good Neighbor Fellowship is a part-time,
8-month program for young adults in their 20's to
early-30's who live and work in the Lancaster area.
This program equips young adults to live as a
followers of Jesus for the good of their neighbors
through intentional community, mentorship,
theological study and practical experience.
Applications due June 30. Visit gnplancaster.org
for more info or contact Kristen Vieldhouse with
questions at kristen@gnplancaster.org.

### 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 contact Betsy at <a href="mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org">bboone@wheatlandpca.org</a>. and we will add your name to the list.

### Wheatland Recordings

Recordings of the sermons are available on the church website, <a href="www.wheatlandpca.org">www.wheatlandpca.org</a>.
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 Betsy at <a href="mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org">bboone@wheatlandpca.org</a>.

### 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 <a href="mailto:seeevers49@gmail.com">seeevers49@gmail.com</a>.

### 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 <a href="mailto:Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org">Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org</a>.

### 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 & Terilyn Le Duc <u>lleduc@wheatlandpca.org</u>

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

**Hempfield** - Bill & Catherine Achor kitkatvt85@gmail.com

School Lane Hills – Dain & Kristen Zimmerman <u>kristen.zimmerman@gmail.com</u>

Hamilton Park - Jim & Joy Bates

jbates01@mac.com

**Mountville/Millersville** - Dallas & Diane Wolgemuth <a href="mailto:dndwolgemuth@gmail.com">dndwolgemuth@gmail.com</a>

**Lampeter Strasburg** - Paul & Deb Kreider <a href="mailto:PHKIII@verizon.net">PHKIII@verizon.net</a>

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

Manheim Township/Lititz – Zac & Jess Northen jjnorthen@gmail.com

Manheim Township/Lititz – Steve & Chicory Biers sbiers@gmail.com

Ruling Elders Jeff Barrall John Bast Glyn Boone Joe Hunter Les Slough

Deacons
Jon Bush
Peter Horning
Joseph Kiehl
Jesse Sanders
Dave Smith
Dain Zimmerman

Deaconesses Jess Baggé Kim Byne

Laura Chapman Sharon Givler Amanda Long Teresa Maier Priscilla Parker Becky Smith Diane Wolgemuth

# Spotlighting a Wheatland Ministry

Who: Mark & Marti Mylin

Where: Angers, France, with Greater Europe Mission

Work: Mark serves as one of three GEM France Field Leaders, managing 15 GEM missionaries in the South of France by leading, developing and caring for them. He coordinates with two other colleagues in directing the France field as a whole. Marti is training coordinator for the Christian

Women's Club in France. She organizes and leads discipleship training

courses for Christian women, seeking to deeply root them in Christ and his Word so that they may pass that on to others.

Prayer:

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- 1. Pray for safe travel during their time in the US in June/July and safe return to France.
- 2. Pray for Marti and fellow trainer, Dita, as they prepare and lead the next training event Sept. 26-Oct. 3. Pray that God would heal and strengthen the eight participants as they learn about His great work for them in Christ, that they may pass these truths on to others.
- 3. Pray for wisdom, good decisions and godly leadership for Mark and Marti in their respective leadership roles; Mark with GEM missionaries in France and Marti with Potenti'Elles (discipleship training courses for women).
- 4. Pray for God's Spirit to inspire the Mylin's in the various teaching situations they have, that those receiving would be encouraged, equipped and rooted in Christ.
- 5. Pray for God to provide service teams for our French Field Gatherings for a week at the end of October.

To learn more about the work of Mark & Marti Mylin, visit https://gemission.org/give/30250/

# 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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