

REFLECTIONS

The power of love is a curious thing
Make a one man weep, make another man sink
Change a hawk to a little white dove
More than a feeling, that's the power of love
Huey Lewis

All identities are formed over time and shaped by the stories we live into... Stories shape not only communities but our very lives. Our identities are shaped by stories that become embedded in the social and political institutions of everyday life.

Emmanuel M. Katongole

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Christianity is meant to shape a new identity within us by creating a new sense of we — a new community that defies our usual categories of anthropology.

Chuck DeGroat

August 31, 2025 | **Te Deum Laudamus**

▲ Congregation Stands

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.

▼ Congregation Sits

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Collect for the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

▼ PRELUDE



▲ CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: We praise you, O God

People: we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

Leader: All the earth worships you **People:** the Father everlasting.

Leader: To you all Angels cry aloud

People: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

Leader: To you Cherubim and Seraphim continually cry:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy—Lord God of Sabaoth;

Unison: Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of your glory.



▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



Leader: We believe that you will come to be our Judge.

People: We therefore ask you, help your servants

whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with your Saints in glory everlasting.

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

Unison: O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify you;

And we worship your Name for ever, world without end.

O Lord, keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let your mercy light upon us as our trust is in you.

O Lord, in you have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

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.





One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH

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Unison: You are the King of Glory O Christ.

You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When you took upon yourself to deliver man

you did not abhor the virgin's womb.

When you had overcome the sharpness of death

you opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

Installation 10:30 Service

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elder: Greg Chalfant

Questions to the Elder-Elect

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old & New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination yow?
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- 4. Do you accept the office of elder to which you were elected in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
- 5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles him?

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands



We invite any ordained teaching and ruling elders to join us in laying hands on Greg in order to ordain and install him as elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Declaration and Welcome to the Ministry

▼ PRAYER



Leader: The glorious company of the Apostles praise you.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise you.

The noble army of Martyrs praise you.

People: The holy Church throughout all the world acknowledges you;

Leader: The Father of an infinite Majesty; **People:** Your honorable, true and only Son; **Unison:** Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Using short sentence prayers, praise God along with the hosts of Heaven.

▼ OFFERING

I Chronicles 29:13-14



Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

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

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

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





¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dennis Bracken



▲ 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:



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

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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

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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 and grape juice is in the purple cups.

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

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





▲ 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

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Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: All that is within me, bless his holy name.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, **People:** and forget not all his benefits

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, **People:** who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,

People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,

People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Pastor: For he knows our frame;

People: he remembers that we are dust.

▲ Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



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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THIS WEEK AT WHEATLAND

Sunday, August 31

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

Tuesday, Sept 2

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, Sept 4

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

Saturday, Sept 6

5:00pm Women's Summer-End Party at Biers

Sunday, Sept 7

8:30 & 11:15am Worship

10:15 Children's Sunday Classes begin

10:15am Sunday Class in Sanctuary

BABY NEWS

We are so happy to announce the birth of Mary Mae Akers on August 12! Congratulations to Nathan and Lindsey Akers. Welcome to the Wheatland family baby Mary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We still need more Sunday School teachers in several levels. We place 2 pairs of teachers in each level and ask you to teach for a 6-week rotation. The other pair teaches the next 6 weeks. Please contact Melissa at mwhite@wheatlandpca.org.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7, 10:15am

Discipleship Opportunities (Sanctuary)

Adults will gather in the sanctuary to hear about some of the 2025-2026 opportunities for discipleship at Wheatland. This will include church-wide discipleship opportunities as well as some that are specific to men and women.

Starting on September 14

The Church (Kevin Sheahan - Sanctuary)

Francis Turretin said that the church is the primary work of the Trinity. In an age of skepticism about the church, we need to understand what the church is and what the church is for. A proper study of the nature and purpose of the Church will encourage us to pursue our God-given design in light of Christ's saving work and the Spirit's empowerment.

Forgiveness (Bruce Etter - Room 10)

What exactly is forgiveness? How do you know when you've given it? How do you know when you've properly received it? How do we forgive those who have hurt us deeply? Drawing insights from Tim Keller's book entitled *Forgive*, we will spend five weeks discussing these questions and many others, related to forgiveness (Having a copy of the book is not necessary to attend the class).

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WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

End of Summer Pool Party | Join us for tacos and swimming at the Beirs' house Saturday, **Sept. 6** 5:00-10:00pm! Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, but drop-ins are welcome. For details and to sign up, visit https://tinyurl.com/WheatlandWD25.

The Young Moms Book Group | We will be reading and discussing For the Love of Discipline by Sara Wallace this fall, meeting on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00pm. For more info contact Chicory Biers chicorybiers@gmail.com.

Women's Discipleship Events: Save the dates!

- o Jan. 24, 10am-12pm Book Swap & Coffee
- o Apr. 18, 7:00-9:00pm Small Group Activities
- o June 13 10am-12pm Year-End Celebration

Fall Bible Studies | Wheatland Women's Bible Studies will begin in September.

- Wednesday Morning: This study meets weekly at the church from 9:15-11:00am and will be studying Ecclesiastes beginning on Sept. 17. Childcare is provided. Contact Beth Slough <u>baslough@gmail.com</u> to register.
- o Thursday Night: This study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Beirs' house from 7:00-8:30pm and will be studying Romans beginning on **Sept. 11**. Contact Erin Quillen equillen@wheatlandpca.org.
- Saturday Morning: This study meets 2x/month at the church from 8:00-9:30am, and will study 1-2 Peter and Jude starting Sept. 20. Contact Catherine Achor <u>Kitkatvt85@gmail.com</u>.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm in the Augustine Room. For details contact Keith at kwinder@wheatlandpca.org.

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

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

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.

ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE

Although we now have a wonderful new parking 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 locations to accommodate visitors and those for whom walking from offsite parking would be a challenge.

CHURCH DATA BASE - ELEXIO

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

ESL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we prepare for another encouraging year of ESL classes, we are looking for volunteers to help as teacher assistants (biweekly commitment) and to help with registration/placement interviews (1-2 times per month). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jillian Watkins at jwatkins@wheatlandpca.org.

THE ROW HOUSE FORUM

The next Row House Forum welcomes Chad Martin, Executive Director of Chestnut Housing speaking on They Shall Build Houses. Available housing today is far outpaced by demand, driving rents and mortgages through the roof. What can be done? Chad will describe one way: Building more units to take pressure off the market and to move our most vulnerable neighbors into safe, affordable shelters, homes they can call their own. Illustrated with real stories from our city, Chad's talk will take place at The Square Halo Gallery, 37 N. Market St. Lancaster, Friday, Sept. 12 at 7:00pm. For more info and to reserve a seat visit www.therowhouse.org. Tickets are \$15 in advance, free to Row House Members plus one, and \$20 at door. Drinks and light fare provided.

Ruling Elders

John Bast Glyn Boone Greg Chalfant Joe Hunter Les Slough

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Justin Harbin
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Joseph Kiehl
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Dave Smith
Dain Zimmerman

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Priscilla Parker
Becky Smith
Diane Wolgemuth

WHEATLAND DIACONATE

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

CARE GROUPS

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

Lancaster City (NW) - Luke & Terilyn Le Duc lleduc@wheatlandpca.org

Lancaster City (SW/E) - Joe & Tenli Hunter joeh 1989@gmail.com

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

Wheatland Missionary Spotlight

Mark & Marti Mylin, Angers, France, with Greater Europe Mission

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.

Pray for the Mylins for...

- o Safe travel during their time in the US in June/July and safe return to France.
- Marti and fellow trainer, Dita, as they prep and lead the next training event Sept. 26-Oct. 3. Pray that God would
 heal and strengthen the 8 participants as they learn and share about His great work for them in Christ.
- 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 courses for women).
- God's Spirit to inspire the Mylins in their various teaching situations, and that those receiving would be
 encouraged, equipped and rooted in Christ.
- o 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.

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



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