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REFLECTIONS

"Be holy, for I am holy" could be termed the motto of Leviticus.

~ Gordon J. Wenham

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

~ Isaiah 6:1-3

Moses' completion of the tabernacle is likened to God's completion of the heavens and the earth – it is a new creation. When the Shekinah, the visible manifestation of God's immanent Presence, fills the tabernacle, therefore, the scene represents a new creation filled with the glory of God... Precisely here we are enabled to rearticulate the problem of God's holy and immanent Presence in terms of creation (or cultic) theology: While the tabernacle represents a new creation filled with the glory of God, there is as yet no new Adam for this new Creation.

~ L. Michael Morales

The essence of sin is to break the Lord's laws, instead of keeping them. The results of sin are always catastrophic, both for sinners and for the world: for sinners, because their relationship with the Lord, their King and Creator, is now ruptured, and alienation replaces warm fellowship; for the world, because sin destroys the type of community the Lord intended, one in which people experience his love, joy, peace, goodness, and justice. Sin is an acid that mars and destroys whatever it touches.

~ Jay Sklar

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

~ Hebrews 5:1-2

September 18, 2022 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

▲ CONGREGATION STANDS

▼ CONGREGATION SITS

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Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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



▲ CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 91:1, 2, 14-16



LEADER: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of

the Almighty.

PEOPLE: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in

whom I trust."

LEADER: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect

him, for he acknowledges my name.

PEOPLE: He will call upon me, and I will answer him; . . . With long life will I satisfy

him and show him my salvation."



▼ CONFESSION OF SIN

ISAIAH 5:1b-7



LEADER: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared

it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in

it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good

grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

LEFT: "What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for

it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

RIGHT: Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away

its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

LEFT: I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a

wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated,

RIGHT: and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to

rain on it."

LEADER: The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of

Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw

bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

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

UNISON: Lord Almighty, you could not have done more for the vineyard of our

hearts. You look for justice, but see bloodshed; for righteousness,

but hear cries of distress. Forgive us for the yield of bad fruit in our lives this week, even this morning. Prune and cultivate us, command the clouds to rain to restore our souls. We ask this in the name of the True Vine, our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon



Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression...? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

▲ 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.



▲ GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13



¹He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▼ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



8:30 Service: Shirley Elle Bohannon, born June 22, 2022, daughter of Reed and Joy

Bohannon

▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



UNISON:

We believe that we were dead in our sins and used to diligently pursue the ways of this world—and the ruler of the kingdom of the air—by indulging the cravings of our sinful nature. So that we were, by nature, objects of divine wrath. But God in his great love for us, when we were dead, made us alive by grace through faith. This faith was a gift. Now because of this gift we are alive and able to believe.

▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Using short sentence prayers, thank God for being rich in mercy and loving us—even when we were dead in our trespasses—and making us alive together with Christ.

▼ OFFERING





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 to the Fellowship Hall 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.



▼ PROCLAMATION

LEVITICUS 11:44-45; 19:1-4; 20:22-26



^{11:44} For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. ⁴⁵ For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

^{19:1} And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.

^{20:22} "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³ And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them. ²⁴ But I have said to you, 'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples. ²⁵ You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean. ²⁶ You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

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. 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 way, the Lamb who slain for bears our sins a us_ 2.The bo - dy of our Sav - iour Je -Christ, torn for you_ sus 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you_ 4.And so with thank - ful - ness and faith rise we to re spond_ pro made that all faith find forand we re-mem-ber the mise who in come and re-mem-ber; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the eat drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re to re-mem-ber call fol - low in the of Christ His and our to steps as So we life, and we of give - ness at the share in this bread of drink His cross. to make one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink His price us of ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim bo - dy here on earth. As we share Christ will fice sign of our bonds of peace sac as a ri fice sign bonds of love sac as a of our fice sign of bonds of grace sac ri as a our gain! And we'll come join in the feast of heaven

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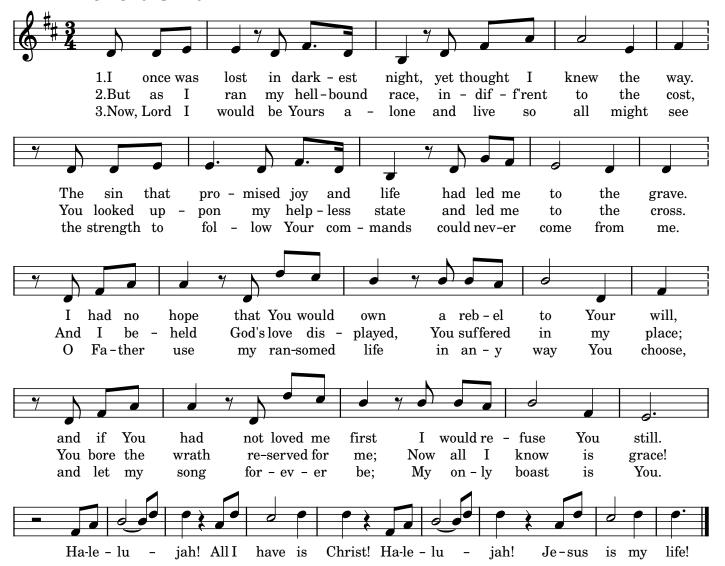
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▼ All I Have is Christ



▲ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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, 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



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

Assurance of Pardon adapted from Micah 7:18. Confession of Faith adapted from Ephesians 2.

Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from Psalm 103.

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LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday Classes and Teachers: Fall 2022

10:15-11:00AM

Please keep these teachers in your prayers.

Play: 3 & 4-Year-olds

Teachers: Kim Byne

Jeanne DiNunzio Deb Kreider Jeremy Detweiler

Imagine: Grades K-1

Teachers: Zac & Jess Northen

Teresa Maier Terilyn Le Duc

Wonder: Grades 2-3

Teachers: Ken & Lisa Cutler Nate & Amanda Long

Marvel: Grades 4-5

Teachers: Dain Zimmerman Melanie Winder Logan Griffey Peter Horning

Dive: Middle School (G6-8)

Teachers: Joshua & Rachel Kiehl

High School (G9-12)

Teachers: Adam & Lauren Timmins

Amber Spatola Nicole Moss

Sunday Classes & Locations

Ages 3-4: Harvest House, 2nd floor,

Library & Rm. 4

Kindergarten – Grade 1: Harvest House, 1st floor, Rm. 2

Grades 2-3: Harvest House, 1st floor, Rm. 1

Grades 4-5: Harvest House, 2nd floor, Rm. 5

Grades 6-8: Office Building, 2nd floor, Rm. 6

Grades 9-12: Office Building, 2nd floor, Rm.7

Adult Sunday Classes & Locations

Reading Scripture: Sanctuary

Evangelism 2.0: Harvest House, Augustine Room

Teachers: Keith Winder Samuel Spatola Dennis Brown Tom Becker

Practices: Reading Scripture Sanctuary

Dallas Willard famously called the growth of Christians 'the renovation of our hearts.' As disciples of Jesus, we are constantly being shaped and formed by the practices and habits of our lives. So, this year, we will be teaching through different practices that God uses to conform us to the image of his Son. Our first "Practices" class will be "Reading Scripture," where, led by Keith Winder, we will follow the story of the Bible and what it looks like to read the Bible with a posture of humility and surrender.

Evangelism 2.0 Augustine Room of the Harvest House

Last spring, we held a class entitled Evangelism 1.0. This is a follow-up to that spring class, in which we invite previous and new attendees. Our goal is to create a community of people who can support one another in sharing the good news of the gospel. We will also be reading Allan Dayhoff's *Church in a Blues Bar*. It will be led by Samuel Spatola, Dennis Brown and Tom Becker.

LIFE TOGETHER

This Week at Wheatland

Sunday, Sept 18

8:30 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School

6:30-8:00pm Roots Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept 21

9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, Sept 25

8:30 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 4:00-6:00pm Life Together Party 6:30-8:00pm Roots Youth Group

Fall Work Day

Come to a Fall Cleaning/Work Day on Saturday, October 22, 8:00am to 12:00pm, to get the church property ready for the fall and winter months. So that the burden won't fall on just a few people, bring the family—we welcome window washers, painters, general repair people, gardeners & cleaners of all ages. Even if you're only able to come for a few hours, your help would be greatly appreciated! Lunch is provided. Contact Joseph Kiehl at josephkiehl@gmail.com with questions.

Life Together Party

All are invited to a church campus Life Together Party on **September 25**, 4-6pm! Game stations, food (pizza) and drinks, and free play make this a great time to connect with our church family. Calling all Prayer Champions, families, and students to come have fun!

Officer Nominations

Session invites congregation members to submit names of men to consider for nomination to the office of Elder or Deacon and the names of women for Deaconess. Officer nomination forms are in the narthex. Return the form by October 2 to the Pastors' mail slots in the fellowship hall.

Men's Discipleship

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays in the Augustine Room. Contact Keith Winder (kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for details.

Weekly Discipleship Group – Meets weekly in the fellowship hall. Contact Edmund Byne (<u>Edmund.byne@agcocorp.com</u>) or Steve Demme (<u>sdemme@demmelearning.com</u>) for details.

Women's Discipleship

Saturday Bible Study meets twice per month from 7:30 to 9:00am. We are studying the book of Acts. For more information, contact Catherine Achor at kitkatvt85@gmail.com.

Morning Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am through December 7. This group is studying the book of Acts via a manuscript/text study. Childcare will be provided. For more info, email Joy Manning at fimanning@msn.com.

Evening Bible Study meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm at Erin Quillen's home, 933 Eden Rd, Lanc. This group is studying the book 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ by Jen Wilkin. For more information, contact erinbquillen@gmail.com.

Young Adult Discipleship

If you fall in the college age to 30's age group, check out the young adult activities at Wheatland!

Young Adult Reading Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Spatola's house, 748 Barr Blvd. Lancaster. This fall we will read *The Life We're Looking For: Reclaiming Relationship a Technological World* by Andy Crouch.

Young Adult Sunday Lunches are back also at the Spatola's house. We will gather for lunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Roots Youth Group

For those in grades 6–12, the Roots youth group gatherings have resumed! We meet every Sunday night in the Augustine Room from 6:30-8:00pm.

Spotlighting a Wheatland Ministry

Who: Brian Moore, Campus Staff Minister

Where: Franklin & Marshall College and PA College of Health Sciences

Work: Brian serves as Campus Staff Minister to two local campuses

reaching students with the gospel, training student leaders, and supporting a vibrant community of Christ followers on campus.

At F&M there is a weekly large group gathering and 4 student led small group bible studies each week. At PACHS there are two weekly small group Bible studies. Additionally, there are many connection events on campus as well as broader events off campus with other Central PA and Regional Mid-Atlantic campus chapters.



- 1. Pray for current leadership students to have courage on campus expressing their faith and loving others on campus
- 2. Pray for new, younger leaders. The fellowships have been rebuilding since the pandemic restrictions. F&M formerly had 13 leadership students and currently has 5.
- 3. Pray for the mental health of students which is at an all-time need; students are expressing anxiety and depression more than ever. Pray that the hope and love of Christ would bring students to healing as they follow Jesus.
- 4. Pray for students to register for our Fall Conference upcoming November 4-6.

For more info, contact Brian at <u>brian.moore@intervarsity.org</u>.

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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by equipping the
community of believers
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with the gospel of
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