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In with the Old and the New

In October, the Session approved the purchase of a new hymnal, *Hymns of Grace*, as a companion and supplement to our Trinity Hymnal. We will begin using these in our worship in January. Why?

First, we seek to engage in the worship of God with excellence—with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. While we cherish our Trinity Hymnal and the scholarship, excellence, and Presbyterian heritage it contains, the current version is nearly 30 years old, and there is not an update project for it on the horizon.

While we cherish the “old” ways and forms, new forms, songs, and hymns have been developed in the last 30 years that are worthy avenues to assist in our worship. *Hymns of Grace* represents the best of some things “new,” consistent with our Reformed and Biblical heritage.

We have recently worked to incorporate good modern hymns in our worship, without the accompanying music, primarily because of the expense associated with obtaining the rights to print the music and the time and expense required to duplicate it for everyone in attendance. For experienced singers and musicians, singing with the words and music is a useful aid to worship. A new hymnal gives us words and music together in a way printed lyrics cannot.

In addition, *Hymns of Grace* was specifically written and arranged with a view to congregational singing. These arrangements should help us learn and sing new songs.

The new hymnal includes some good overlap with the old. This should help us use and get to know it and allow for easier use. The overlap may allow us to have a “red” day (Trinity) and a “black” day (*Hymns of Grace*) for ease of reference and use. Some days we will shuffle with songs or readings from both. After a few months, this “new” hymnal will be “old” also. We are committed to worshiping God with our best efforts, with forms old and new.

No hymnal is perfect, this side of heaven. One reviewer noted, “No hymnal is going to have every hymn you want it to unless you print it yourself.” There are songs in the Trinity that we never sing. The same will be true for *Hymns of Grace*. There are minor variations on tunes and lyrics that will catch you by surprise or cause you to think about the differences and perhaps reevaluate your “favorites” or reflect on the truths conveyed in the song.

Do not worry—our commitment to orthodox worship using Biblical forms in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition is not changing. Our commitment to worship God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength is not changing. We are expanding our repertoire slightly to allow us to grow in, and, with God’s help, excel at Biblical worship, pleasing to God and useful for building up His church. Join in and sing along.

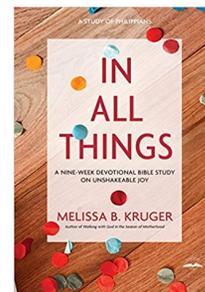
The OPPC Session

JANUARY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAY

The OPPC Tuesday Women's Bible study will resume meeting on January 15 at 9:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Childcare is provided.

We are studying Philippians using *In All Things, a nine-week devotional Bible Study on Unshakeable Joy* by Melissa Kruger. A limited number of books will be available for \$10 beginning Sunday, January 6.



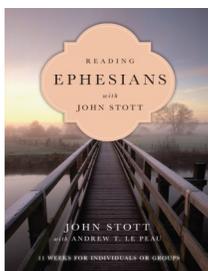
We look forward to meeting!

SATURDAY

The Saturday study meets on January 12 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. No childcare is provided. Please feel free to join us at any time as we study Ephesians using the study guide *Reading Ephesians with John Stott*.

MONDAY

The Monday evening study meets 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (6:30-8:00 p.m.) (January 14 & 28). All women are welcome to attend! Contact Jenni Sickert (jsickerts@gmail.com) or Jane Horner (jane@outstand.com) if you have questions.



All women's Bible studies meet at OPPC in the fellowship hall.

JOHNS CREEK SMALL GROUP

Please join us for Johns Creek Small Group on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Owen and Tina Malcolm. If you are interested or need information, please contact Owen Malcolm (owen.malcolm@unitedcp.com) or Tina Malcolm (tinamalcolm@gmail.com).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 13, after the morning service. The purposes of the meeting are to present the 2019 budget and to elect OPPC corporate officers. Please attend.

OPPC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT—FEBRUARY 8-9, 2019

Have you registered for our Women's Retreat? (Register for a room by Jan. 13)

The OPPC Women's Leadership Team has planned a time of fellowship and sound Bible teaching. We will begin Friday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. and finish by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9. Continental breakfast and a boxed lunch will be provided.



Paula Miles, our speaker, will lead us through Ephesians 2:8-10, giving us time to think more deeply on themes we have explored in our small group studies in Ephesians. We also plan to hear testimonies of God's faithfulness from our own sisters in Christ, and enjoy fellowship through discussion and prayer. As always, we also have planned time for fun and games!

Ladies, join us at the Courtyard by Marriott Sugarloaf Hotel (1948 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA). The cost is \$25 for a commuter, \$75 (hotel double), and \$100 (hotel single).

Registration deadline for rooms is January 13, and scholarships are available.

Contact Jessica Wilson for information (jljwils@gmail.com).

BRINEY CELEBRATION!

Richard Briney is turning 80!! You are invited to join us immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 20, in the Fellowship Hall for a Birthday reception. There will be light finger foods and a birthday dessert.

Please no gifts. If you would like to express your congratulations, feel free to bring a card and we will have a basket in which it can be placed. Thank you in advance for helping us celebrate this milestone!

Please join us!



MISSIONARY UPDATE

For 2019 OPPC has added Jonathan and Maggie Hunter to our list of supported missionaries. They work with the International Youth Group as part of United World Missions in Costa Rica. Jonathan gave an overview of their ministry at our December 30th morning worship service.

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

First Sunday Lunch

Join us for First Sunday Lunch on January 6. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Communion Week

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the morning service on January 13. We have communion on the second Sunday every month.

Deacons Meeting

The Diaconate meets Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall (the second Wednesday of each month).

Session Meeting

The Session meets Wednesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall (the fourth Wednesday of each month).

Youth Group

All 6th grade -12th graders, even college students, are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30 on Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month. Youth group food volunteers are the Deightons (January 13) and the Taylors (January 20).

NURSERY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2019



DATE	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
1/6	Appleton, Deighton, Arabella	No Service
1/13	Oliver, Schramm, Calvin	Richards
1/20	Larson, Sickert, Grace	Wilson
1/27	Chandy, Saylor, Raine	Butler, Horner

LINK DEADLINE: Please turn in articles and information for the February *LINK* by Thursday, January 24.

Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this end, Old Peachtree aims to be a church that is continually growing in vital worship, in theological depth, in true fellowship, in assertive evangelism, and in deeds of compassion. The distinctiveness of Old Peachtree is in its desire to be Presbyterian in government and Reformed in theology, with the vitality that comes from evangelism and discipleship.

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