

THE LORD'S DAY ~ January 4, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You return man to dust and say, 'Return, O children of man!'
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past
or as a watch in the night.
So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes establish the work of our hands!
Psalm 90:1-4, 12, 14, 17*

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*A cry room for small children with televised worship
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

Prelude

"In the Valley" (1)

When You lead me to the valley of vision, I can see You in the heights.
And though my humbling wouldn't be my decision, it's here Your glory shines so bright.
So let me learn that the cross precedes the crown, to be low is to be high,
That the valley's where You make me more like Christ.

*Let me find Your grace in the valley. Let me find Your life in my death.
Let me find Your joy in my sorrow, Your wealth in my need,
That You're near with every breath in the valley.*

In the daytime there are stars in the heavens, but they only shine at night.
And the deeper that I go into darkness, the more I see their radiant light.
So let me learn that my losses are my gain, to be broken is to heal.
That the valley's where Your power is revealed.

Invocation

***Call to Worship** Psalm 111:1-3

***Hymn of Praise** *"How Great Thou Art"* (T44)

***Hymn of Adoration** *"God of Wonders"* (2)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

*God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy;
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.*

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

Hallelujah ~ to the Lord of heaven and earth.
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Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

People: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-39

Hymn of Confession

"The Look" (3)

I saw one hanging on a tree in agony and blood.
Who fixed His loving eyes on me, as near His cross I stood.
And never till my dying breath will I forget that look.
It seemed to charge me with His death though not a word He spoke.

*Forever etched upon my mind is the look of Him who died. The Lamb I crucified.
And now my life will sing the praise of pure atoning grace
That looked on me and gladly took my place.*

My conscience felt and owned the guilt and plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilt and helped to nail Him there.
But with a second look He said, "I freely all forgive,
This blood is for your ransom paid, I died that you might live."

Thus while His death my sin displays for all the world to view.
Such is the mystery of grace, it seals my pardon too.
With pleasing grief and mournful joy my spirit is now filled.
That I should such a life destroy, yet live by Him I killed.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God and Father in heaven,
you are faithful and just;
you are willing to forgive our sins
and to purify us from all unrighteousness.
Before you and our sisters and brothers,
we confess that we have spoken many empty words
and have at times broken even our most sacred vows.
Our sins are an affront to you;
they are a disgrace before the watching world,
and they have caused us unspeakable pain.
Through our Lord Jesus may we begin this New Year 2015
with the joy of knowing we belong to you,
with the freedom of being purified by your blood,
and with the healing which your grace alone can bring.
We pray in the name of our blessed Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 18:11

Offertory Hymn

"Take My Life and Let it Be" (T585)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:126-128

Sermon

Psalm 119:1-8

"An Aleph Branch for 2015"

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

*Hymn of Response

"Father of Mercies" (4)

Father of mercies, in Thy Word what endless glory shines!
Forever be Thy Name adored for these celestial lines.
Here, the fair tree of knowledge grows and yields a free repast
Sublimar sweets than nature knows invite the longing taste.

*Father of mercies, Father of mercies, Father of mercies, in Thy Word
Father of mercies, Father of mercies, Father of mercies, in Thy Word*

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice spreads heavenly peace around
And life and everlasting joys attend the blissful sound.
Oh may these heavenly pages be my ever dear delight,
And still new beauties may I see, and still increasing light.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word, and view my Savior there.

*Charge and Benediction

1 Peter 5:14b

*Hymn of Benediction

"The Doxology" (T731)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, January 4 - 10, 2015

Today	•Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. •Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m. •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	•WIC Bible study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. •Prayer Group, Seidler home, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	•Praise Team Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Sunday School ~ Valerie Cleveland
Morning Worship ~ Kristie Delmar, Heather Steele
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Michele Devereaux
Morning Worship ~ Elizabeth Sato, Sarah Washburn
- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:** Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Now studying a video series "The Parables of Jesus" by Dr. R. C. Sproul. Call the church office for nursery reservations by Monday afternoon.
- ◆ **Wednesday night activities will resume next week, January 14th**
- ◆ **Budget Receipts, December 28, 2014** – reported via e-mail

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AM Sermon Notes
The Lord's Day, January 4, 2015
Psalm 119:1-8
"An *Aleph* Branch for 2015"
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Covenant Presbyterian Church Prayer List
Sunday, January 4, 2015

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director
Mr. Scott Perry, Music Leader

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Pregnancy Resource Center% Jackie Smithwick, Director
Monday Tim Carper% RUF, University of Florida
Tuesday Tim & Patty Ann Brunner#
Wednesday Cliff Wilcox% Circle PCA church plant, Pace, FL
Thursday Isaiah Thompson*
Friday Kendall Branscomb*
Saturday Kim Thompson*
(*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

Currently Deployed Overseas: Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

Currently Serving at Home: Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cancer: Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Alan Wise (Mara Frazier's family member, prostate cancer), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, skin cancer & chemotherapy), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Ruth Weber (Pastor Colravy's cousin, ovarian cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer)

Illness: Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Robert Corr (Claire Phillips' brother, Parkinson's disease), Joy Thomas (Dawn Welch's mother, COPD), Carola Bickford (Barbie Shold's friend, knee surgery), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery), Cheryl Gaudiano, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Helen Newman (Dawn Colravy's mother, MRSA infection), Jan Langham (back surgery), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Mike Kline (Warren & Judy Kline's son, heart problem)

Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Andrew & Lauren Walker Bahati (Andrew's immigration Visa)

Expectant Mothers: Abby Stokes Wann (former member), Kristie Delmar

* Names in italics are new to the list this week.

