



Lancaster
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Church

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

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Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Ephesians 4: 1-16 **Walking Worthily**

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." ⁹ (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

For Next Week: Ephesians 4: 17-24

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

August 29, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome

Please sign the Friendship pad as it is passed through the pew, returning it to the side aisle.

Large Print Bulletins

and

Hearing Assistance Devices

are available

An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided through kindergarten in the preschool wing on the first floor.

An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are available for special prayer requests. Prayer cards can be found in the pew envelope holders and as you enter the balcony. They can be placed in the offering basket. A wooden box in the back of the sanctuary is available for confidential prayer requests.

Please silence your cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude: Variations on *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Welcome – Ed Carlsen VI

Minute for Mission: Laurie Muscato

Call to Worship

(Micah 6: 6-8)

With what shall I come to the LORD
And bow myself before the God on high?

Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,
With yearling calves?

Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams,
In ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O man, what is good;

And what does the LORD require of you

But to do justice, to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

*Hymn: *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Red Hymnal #342

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
this day we are thinking together in Your word
about what it means for us to walk worthily of the calling
with which we have been called.

And, of course, to walk worthily means to walk humbly,

gently, patiently,

closely together,

protective of the interests of Your kingdom,

participating together in ministry,

with determination, honesty, and love,

all for the good of Your church.

We will always have a long way to go until You come for us
or bring us home to You.

Please hear the confession of our sins

in the silence of this moment.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

Silent Confession

Gracious and Merciful God our Savior,
we adore You,
and we rejoice in Your forgiveness,
Your salvation, Your great love.
Strengthen us to walk worthily of You,
we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: *Just As I Am

Red Hymnal #417

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 4: 1-16

Walking Worthily

Pastor Kelly Negus

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 26, Paragraph 2

By their profession of faith
saints are bound to maintain
a holy fellowship and communion with each other
in the worship of God
and in the performance of other spiritual services
for their mutual improvement.
They are also bound to help each other in material things
according to their different abilities and needs.
This fellowship is to be offered,
as God gives the opportunity,
to everyone in every place
who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love

Red Hymnal #677

Postlude: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Guest Organist – Donna Lorenzo

Church Announcements

Worship with us every Sunday

Traditional Service @ 8:30am

Contemporary Service @ 11:00am

Childcare provided at both services.

Our services are also live on Facebook and our YouTube channel.

Sunday School & Adult Education

Every Sunday @ 9:45am

We will follow all NYS & CDC Covid guidelines.

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We will resume back to TWO worship services on Sunday, Sept. 12th.

Communion will take place during both services.

Please note that we will be back to serving our regular Communion elements of bread and juice. However, if you would still like the self-serve elements they will be available outside the sanctuary prior to the service.

Child Care Ministry

A special thank you to all who have helped out in the child care room this summer! You are truly a blessing to the families of those children!

The 2021-2022 school year is quickly approaching and our 8:30am & 11:00am Worship services will resume on Sunday, September 12th.

There have been many young children in our child care rooms & our Child Care Ministry continues to allow those parents of these young children to attend our worship services. We are looking for 2 adults and 1 adult or teenage helper each week for each service.

Please consider signing up to help with this very important ministry within our church. It's a once a month commitment from September until the beginning of June. If you can't commit to once a month, maybe you can cover the months that have 5 Sundays (Oct, Jan, & May) or you could serve as a substitute.

Sign up sheets can be found at the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child: Collection Dates Nov. 15 - 22 This is such a great time to begin purchasing items for your shoe boxes!! Please take advantage of all of the school supplies that are on sale and available!!



Youth Groups & more!!!

- **Kids Youth Group (Grades 3 - 6) Beginning Thursday, Sept. 9th**
Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. @ the Potter's House
- **Jr/Sr High Youth Group (Grades 7 - 12) Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12th - Youth Group Kickoff Pool party & games at the Carlsen's—Drop off at 6:00pm for a hot dog dinner; girls bring a drink and boys bring a snack; pick up at 9:00pm**
Regular schedule: Sundays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. @ the Potter's House
- **DAB Dinner And Bible** College/career young adults (Schedule varies)



Youth Sunday School—PreK to 12th grade

Sundays @ 9:45am

Beginning Sunday September 12th

OCTOBER SMALL GROUPS

Are you ready for a more intimate setting of study and prayer, fellowship and fun? Are you ready for a conversation that doesn't involve a computer?

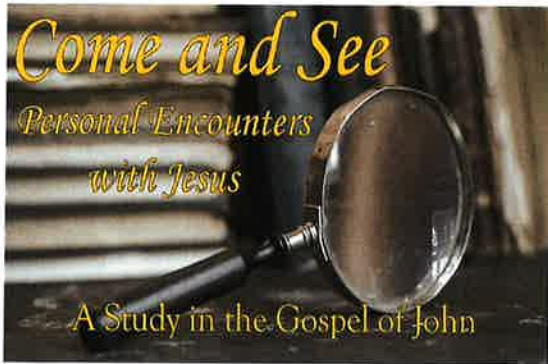
Keep your eyes open for SIGN UPS SOON, for Small Groups which will begin in October! To keep things exciting, we will be making some changes this year, which will simplify and refresh the ministry. Stay tuned as these changes are revealed over the next few weeks. This year, group signups will be roughly according to LIFE STAGE, and you will be able to choose the life stage group with which you are most comfortable when you sign up. Have you never been in a Small Group before? We meet in homes of hosts who have volunteered ahead of time, roughly twice per month, for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. You can bring the kids! It is very informal, and the children usually play nearby during the study.

Questions may be directed to Megan Chaves, Marie Babcock, or Lisa Negus.

New Yorkers Family Research Foundation will hold its annual banquet and legislative update on New York State issues at Salvatore's Italian Gardens on October 7 at 6:30 P.M. Please plan to attend and contact Gloria Chaves so we can reserve a table for Lancaster Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$40.

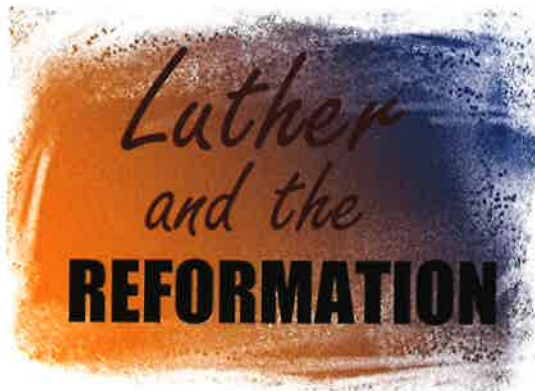
"One of the things that people often comment on after attending one of our briefings is that they glean inside information that they're not hearing anywhere else. This year won't be any different! Jason McGuire, NYFRF's President, will bring the latest legislative and political updates from the Statehouse and our nation's Capitol. There will be ample opportunity for Q&A as well. Not only will there be plenty of information provided, but attendees will also enjoy a wonderful buffet."

Adult Education Classes Beginning Sunday, September 12th @ 9:45am



Teacher: Alan Nowicki Meeting in Waith Fellowship Hall

This September, Alan Nowicki will be re-starting the 8-week series titled *Come and See: Personal Encounters with Jesus*. Students will be given an overview of the Gospel of John, analyzing its main message, and examining the book from a historical, literary and cultural perspective, including translations of some of the original text. We will focus in on the unique, personal encounters that Jesus had with individuals throughout the Gospel. What do these encounters tell us about who Jesus is, and how do these interactions teach us about our own personal relationship with Christ.



Teacher: Ken O'Connor Meeting in room 114-115

Centuries after his death, Martin Luther is celebrated as an intellectual giant, a brave opponent of corruption, a shaper of culture, indeed, as one of the most significant figures in Western history. Many people, however, are unaware of the events of Luther's life that led him to make a courageous stand for the gospel in the sixteenth century. In this series, R.C. Sproul provides a thorough introduction to the life and thought of Martin Luther.

The motto of the reformation was "post tenebras lux" or "out of darkness light". It described the spiritual darkness that had descended upon the Church during the middle ages against the light of the Gospel preached by Martin Luther. Central to this issue were the sola's of the reformation. Justified by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, as revealed in Scripture Alone, for the glory of God Alone. This series will not only explore the life and ministry of Martin Luther but the sola's of the reformation and the impact of these biblical doctrines upon our life today.

Martin Luther believed that the light of the Gospel would grow dim again. History has confirmed this truth. Europe has fallen to the post-modern philosophy, Canada not far behind. The future of the United States lies in wait.

Out of darkness light. Explore the truths of the Gospel through the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation.