



**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

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Senior Pastor**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Ephesians 3: 1-13 First Thesis

¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, ⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. ⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*. ¹¹ *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

For Next Week: Ephesians 3: 14-21

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.**

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August 15, 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: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Ephesians 3: 9-11)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has brought to light the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to all rulers and authorities in the heavenly places in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Hymn: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Red Hymnal #321

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit we see in Your word this morning that everything that You do is in accordance with the eternal purpose-- literally the first thesis of the ages-- which You carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How can we ever thank You enough for sending, Father and Spirit, and coming, Lord Jesus to save us, to redeem us. We know that You cannot fail to bring us all into Your presence in glory. We know that we are not worthy of this gift, but You are.

Please hear the confession of our sins in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.

Worthy is the Lamb.

We live for one purpose only and that is to serve You.

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!

We praise You forever
in Jesus' name, Amen!

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal #468

Prayer for Illumination

Ephesians 3: 1-13

First Thesis

Pastor Kelly Negus

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20, Paragraph 1

Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel
freedom from the guilt of sin,
from the condemning wrath of God,
and from the curse of the moral law.
He has also freed them from the evil world we live in,
from enslavement to Satan, from the dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions, the sting of death,
the victory of the grave, and from everlasting damnation.
In Christ believers have free access to God and can obey Him,
not out of slavish fear,
but with a childlike love and a willing mind.
All these freedoms were also held by believers under the law.
However, under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians has been enlarged
to include freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish church was subjected.
Christians also have
greater boldness of access to the throne of grace
and a fuller gift of the Spirit of God
than believers ordinarily had under the law.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Nearer Blessed Lord*

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

Red Hymnal #323

Postlude: *Preludium in F Dur*

Guest Organist – Joanne Lorenzo

Church Announcements

Worship with Us this Summer

Sundays @ 9:30am

Child care is provided.

Traditional & Contemporary service styles vary each week.

Per CDC and NYS guidelines:

**Masks and social distancing are optional for those who have been fully Covid-19 vaccinated.*

**However, masks and social distancing are required for those who have not been fully Covid-19 vaccinated.*



Summer Child Care

Thank you to all who have signed up so far to help with child care this summer!

- There are still a few Sundays this summer where child care is needed.
- We are looking for 2 adults and 1 teenage helper each Sunday.
- If you are able to help with this special ministry please sign up on the sheet provided on the Information Table outside the sanctuary.

DAB - College/Career Ministry of LPC

Dinner/Bible/Fellowship/Fun

Spiritual Survival in the Gathering Storm

"You rule the swelling of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them." Psalm 89:9

Meeting every Monday throughout the summer at 6:00pm

Dave & Becky Young's home (12 Huntley Place, Lancaster)

Church Office Summer Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Summer fun with our LPC Summer Youth Interns, Gabe Negus & Rachael Cole!

- **Junior & Senior High Summer Youth Group @ the Potter's House**
Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm—9:00pm (grades 6-12)
In this youth group we will be focusing on the book of Jude and following a study plan by Jackie Hill Perry. We will also have games and snacks! Be sure to follow us on Instagram (@lpc.youth)!
- **Girls Bible Study (grades 5-12)**
Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00pm—3:00pm @ LPC
A time together for crafts, snacks & to be in God's Word!
- **Kids Summer Youth Group (completed 2nd-5th grade)**
Thursday evenings
Meeting at the Young's home 6:30pm—8:30pm
All are welcome for games, crafts, snacks & Bible and Character Building lessons!
- **Boys Bible Study (grades 5-12)**
Meeting weekly on Fridays from 1:00pm—3:00pm @ LPC
A time together for games, snacks & to be in God's Word!

Be sure to watch the LPC FB group and check out the Events page on our church website for ALL activities! We look forward to working with your children and hope to create long lasting relationships with them!

Special Activities this week

Junior & Senior High Youth End of Summer Pool Party

Friday, August 20th @ 7:00pm

At the Carlsen Home

7th through 12th graders are invited to an end of the summer pool party!

This is also the last event with our Summer Interns, Rachael & Gabe!

Boys are asked to bring a drink, girls are asked to bring a snack.

Drop off at the Carlsen home at 7:00pm, pick up at 10:00pm.

Bring a towel and wear modest swimwear.