



A PCA Church

Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 31

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

### This Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

9:15	Hymn Sing
9:50	Announcements & Prelude
10:00	AM Worship Service
11:15	Fellowship
4:00	Prayer Meeting
4:40	Hymn Sing
5:00	PM Worship Service

Every Sunday – Every Sunday is the **Lord's Day**. As Christians, we are commanded by God to gather together and worship him and receive the ordinary means of grace: Word, Sacrament, and prayer. Join us every Lord's Day and bring a friend or a family member!

Tonight: Our new **Evening Service** series begins at 5:00 pm. We will be continuing on in the Westminster Confession of Faith with Chapter 3 – "God's Eternal Decree".

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Join us for a Bible Study in the Gospel According to Mark, followed by a themed fellowship meal and games in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at 7:00 PM. Sign-up sheet for food is on the bulletin board. Bring some friends and we'll see you there!

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

General Fund Giving: Total for July: \$. Total amount needed to meet budget for July: \$.

Attic Treasure Sale: Thanks to everyone who helped us set the record for highest grossing Attic Treasures Sale! Thank you also to the anonymous donors who gave \$3,000. Donations will be going toward our Marketing Team's Church Revitalization campaign including a new outdoor sign, an updated sanctuary, lounge, and library! If you'd like to donate specifically to one of these projects, please mark your giving by writing "Revitalization" or "Marketing Team."

Serving by Teaching Sunday School: A new school year is coming up, please see Pastor Scott after today's worship service if you have interest in teaching or assisting in our Youth Sunday School program.

Ministry to our Shut-ins: We have several shut-ins at our church who would love to see or hear from you! Please sign the greeting cards on the table in the lounge for our shut-ins. They will be delivered next week.

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Church Members in Need of Prayer – Sharon Pangborn, the family of Pat Patterson, Sandy Sams, Richard Stokan; our shut-ins: The Dutchers, Bertha McTaggart, Donna Noble, and

Nettie Whear, and for our aging members with various health issues. Pray also for those who have stopped attending public worship, that God would reveal to them their need for worship and the communion of the saints.

Missionaries – Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Mukinge Hospital, Zambia), Satoshi & Cally Kawachi (France), Nachtergaele Family (Belgium), and the Wilsons (Middle East) as they work for the King and the advancement of the gospel of his kingdom. That we would be missionaries in our own context by sharing the gospel and inviting others to our church. That God would give us the words to speak as we interact with our family and friends. That we would not be afraid of the ramifications of sharing the gospel.

Church Ministries – The Session, Diaconate, Family Night, Bible Study, Sunday School, Trustees, Missions Committee, and Marketing Team. Pray that this work would glorify God, edify the church, and facilitate growth for our church. Pray that our members would want to be involved in the ministries of our Church and that the work of revitalization brings about growth, unity, and glorifies God.

Community – That our witness would reach those in our community in need of the gospel. That we would be a light in a dark place, salt in a flavorless world, a city on a hill. That God would grant us courage to invite our family, friends, and neighbors to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. That our family members who have left the Church would return. That members of our Church who have turned away from Christ and his Cross would return to worship with us.

Country – That the civil magistrate would rule with justice and uphold laws. That they would protect and encourage the good and punish the evil. That the right to gather and worship God would be protected and the civil magistrate would not interfere in matters of faith. That our leaders would come to know Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. That Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives.

Church Universal – For the Christians throughout the world who are being persecuted. That they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month, we pray in particular for the Christians in Canada whose pastors are being arrested and whose churches are being shuttered for the simple fact that they want to worship God publicly. That God would grant them perseverance and the courage to continue to meet despite the unlawful demands of the government

### Prelude

“Fantasia on Greensleeves”  
(Ralph Vaughn Williams, d. 1958)

### Consider

*“This is why the drunkenness of Noah has been described, so that we may guard against drunkenness as much as possible, with the picture of such a fall clearly described before our eyes in the Holy Scripture”*  
(Clement of Alexandria, d. 215)

*“It was said of Noah, that he was perfect in his generations, but this is meant of sincerity, not of a sinless perfection. For sometimes those who, with watchfulness and resolution, have, by the grace of God, kept their integrity in the midst of temptation, have through security, and carelessness, and neglect of the grace of God, been surprised into sin, when the hour of temptation has come.”*  
(Matthew Henry, d. 1714)

*“The first thing that fall of Noah teaches us is that anyone can sin. No one is above or beyond temptation...If Noah can fall into sin, anyone can, ourselves included.”*  
(James Montgomery Boice, d. 2000)

*“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”*  
(1 John 2:1–6)

*“They that receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ; of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance, love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.”*  
(Westminster Larger Catechism 171)

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*“Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”*  
(Hebrews 12:28–29)

*"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength for the believer."*  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer +1945)

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

- \*GOD'S GREETING: Galatians 1:3–5
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #1 – "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
- \*RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 100

Minister: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

+Congregation: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Minister: *Come into his presence with singing!*

+Congregation: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

Minister: *and enter his courts with praise,*

+Congregation: **Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

READING OF THE LAW: Exodus 20:1–17

Minister: *The Law of the LORD is perfect,*

+Congregation: **The testimony of the LORD is true.**

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW:      Westminster Shorter Catechism 57, 58, 15, 85, 88

Minister: *Which is the fourth commandment?*

+Congregation: **The fourth commandment is,**  
**remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**  
**Six days you shall labor, and do all thy work:**  
**but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God:**  
**on it you shall not do any work,**  
**for the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and made it hallowed**  
**it.**

Minister: *What is required in the fourth commandment?*

+Congregation: **The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God**  
**such set times as he hath appointed in his Word;**  
**namely, one whole day in seven,**  
**to be a Sabbath to himself.**

Minister: *What is sin?*

+Congregation: **Sin is any lack of conformity unto,**  
**or transgression of, the Law of God.**

Minister: *What doth God require of us, to escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?*

+Congregation: **To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin,**  
**God requires of us, faith in Jesus Christ,**  
**repentance unto life,**  
**and the diligent use of the of all the outward means**  
**whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits redemption.**

Minister: *What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?*

+Congregation: **The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to**  
**us**  
**the benefits of redemption are his ordinances,**  
**especially the Word, Sacraments, and prayer;**

**all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*“Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and stop sinning.” (1 Corinthians 15:34)*

## CORORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no good in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;  
to the glory of His name.

We pray all of this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and by the power of your sanctifying Spirit. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

1 John 1:9; Colossians 1:13

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just us forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; indeed, for he has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Amen.*

## \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

#389 – “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

## **OUR OFFERINGS**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Ruling Elder in Training, Adam Fluegge

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.

## **OFFERINGS**

*"It is both a privilege and a duty, plainly enjoined in the Bible, to make regular, weekly, systematic and proportionate offerings for the support of religion and for the propagation of the Gospel in our own and foreign lands, and for the relief of the poor. This should be done as an exercise of grace and an act of worship." (BCO 54-2)*

*Offerings may be given online, on the Church app, or in the offering plates upon entering or leaving the sanctuary. Prayer requests may also be left in the same plates or online.*

## **THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT:

Genesis 9:18–29

*Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,*

+Congregation: **But the Word of our God stands forever!**



THE SERMON: "The Fall of Noah"

SERMON NOTES:

1) Noah's Sons

2) Noah's Righteousness

3) Noah's Fall

\*PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #521 – "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

### **The Liturgy of the Upper Room**

*"The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament, wherein, by the giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace." (WSC 97)*

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed (p. 846)

EXPOSITION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN #429 – "Let Thy Blood and Mercy Poured"

SURSUM CORDA ("LIFT UP YOUR HEART"):

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

+Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

+Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:17–20

*He took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."*

\*THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*THE 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:

Hebrews 13:20–21

### **PRAYER MEETING – 4:00 PM**

*"Prayer is a continual conversation with God, a gift that brings joy and light to the soul."  
(John Chrysostom, d. 407)*

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:** **For the health of:** Diana Bensinger, Tim & Lorraine Dutcher, Sharon Pangborn, Pat Patterson, Sandy Sams, Richard Stokan. **For our shut-ins:** That the Spirit would bless them with his presence, and if it is in his will, that he would enable them to worship publicly once again. For those who are lonely, that our church family would reach out to them. **For those in fear of Covid-19:** that the Lord would give them a sense of his power and strength and that he would grant them peace and comfort in Christ.

**For non-attending members:** that the providence of God would bring them back to the body of Christ and that they would not forsake the communion of the saints and the public assembling of his people. That our officers, as well as the family and friends of non-attending members would have a heart to reclaim the lost sheep of our flock. That the Spirit of Christ would drive them to the Cross and they would repent and come back to the communion of the saints. **For our**

**College & Seminary Students:** Ryan Castro, Wil Hobkirk, Brennen Winter, and Cassie Ziel. That they would keep God first as they glorify him in their studies.

**For all of our ministries:** the ability to lead and shepherd for the Elders, strength for Diaconate, wisdom for Trustees, Sunday School teachers for the Fall, Family Night, and Marketing Team. That those who participate in these would be blessed as they work for the glory of God. That these ministries would facilitate growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. That God would raise up and send more faithful men to lead and serve our Church. That we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order. That God would bless our Church with more and more families, couples, singles, widows, and widowers, all who desire to glorify God, grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, and serve in the ministries of our Church.

**For our worship services:** That the Holy Spirit would work through the Ministry of the Word, Sacraments, and prayer for the salvation and preservation of God's people. That through these ordinary means the people of God would be built up in the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. That we would worship God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength for his glory. That Christ crucified would be preached faithfully, week in and week out. That the gospel would go forth and people would be brought into the local body. That God would raise up singers or musicians from our midst who seek to glorify him with their gifts. That our giving would increase and be congruent with the blessings that God has poured on us as families and individuals. That we would pray for the Word of God to increase and multiply as it comes from the pulpit. That we would properly sanctify the Lord's Day and attend to the means of grace.

**For our Families:** that husbands would love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that wives would submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. That parents would raise and train their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. That children would obey their parents. **For our singles:** that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church. That God would grant marriage to those who desire it. **For our widows:** that the Lord would provide them support and fellowship through the church. That they would devote themselves to Christ and his Kingdom. **For the family of:** Pat Patterson. **For the Shupe family:** wisdom as they seek God's will for them and their next destination. That God would bless them and continue to use them for his Kingdom purposes.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **For the health** of Ann Armstrong's niece Amanda (cancer), Diane Fischer's nephew Colin Jones (cancer); Betsy Kish's step-son Andy Kish (health), and brother Jim Ribbens (health), Amanda McLeod's mother Evelyn Spitzley (health issues), Carol Holtrop's daughter Jess Holtrop (overall health), Ginny Tageson's sister Sharon Carmen (cancer) and her nephew Randy Bowers (cancer), Mark Krug (health), and the family of Marjorie Langley. **That our loved ones**, local and otherwise, would not forsake the gathering of the saints for public worship on the Lord's Day.

OUR COMMUNITY: That in our community, we would be faithful witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ, ready to give a defense of the gospel and the hope that is in us. That we would be lights in a dark place, salt in a flavorless world, a city on a hill. That the gospel would go throughout the city via our social media presence and that there would be a need for church planting of Reformed Churches in the Thumb. For the health of those working in the health-care/first responder industry.

**OUR DENOMINATION:** **London City Presbyterian** (Harrison and Sarah Perkins); **San Diego RPCNA** (Shepherd Family); **Westminster Presbyterian of Gainesville, TX** (Darrell & Sam McIntyre).

**OUR COUNTRY:** That our local, state, and federal civil magistrates, as well as all governing bodies would lead, rule, make and enforce laws according to Scripture; that the Church in the United States would live according to God's Word and for his glory. That we would "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." That churches across the country would remain open and able to function for the purposes of God's Kingdom according to his laws. For our armed forces, veterans, and law enforcement – that the Lord would provide safety through and for them.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:** Pray for all of our missionaries: Jim DeWitt, Lynn Hacker, the Kawachi's, the Nachtergaele's, and the Wilsons; but this month we are praying especially for our congregation: that we would take our duty as missionaries/gospel-sharers seriously. That we would understand that we have the ability to influence those around us for the Kingdom of God. That we would invite and bring our family, friends, and neighbors to participate in the many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and learning that our Church offers. As Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." (John 4:34)

**THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:** For the gospel to go forth to all peoples, nations, and languages so that they would serve him who's dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and who's kingdom is one that shall not be destroyed. For persecuted Christians throughout the world, that they would witness to the glory of God in their fiery trial of persecution. Especially for persecuted Christians in Canada whose churches are currently being shut down and fined by government officials.

## **5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE: LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*"God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men." (WLC 12)*

### **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

- \*GREETING: 1 Peter 1:2
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 93
- \*PSALM OF RESPONSE: #64 – "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth"
- \*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

### **READINGS & RESPONSES**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 38:1–38; 40:1–5

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #111 – “This is My Father’s World”

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: WCF 3.1 – “Of God’s Eternal Decree”

God from all eternity did,  
by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will,  
freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass;  
yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin,  
nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures,  
nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away,  
but rather established.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:22–36

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #250 – “Throned upon the Awful Tree”

PASTORAL PRAYER

### **THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 1:3–23

SERMON: “Of God’s Eternal Decree: The Decree of God”

SERMON NOTES:

1) When Did God Decree?

2) What Did God Decree?

### 3) Implications of the Decree

HYMN OF RESPONSE: #103 – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

#### **DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION**

\*DOXOLOGY: #660 – “O God, Beyond All Praising”

\*BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:14