

Announcements

Today:

- This morning we welcome to our pulpit Rev. Arthur Fox. Art is the current moderator of the Presbytery of Central PA.
- This evening we join other area Reformed churches for a joint worship service at 6 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church (RPCNA) on Airport Road.
- Pastoral Search Committee meets this afternoon at 4.15 PM.

Coming Soon:

- Wed (05/24) – Ladies' Study @ 7 PM @ the Jackson residence
- Thu (05/25) – session meets @ 7 PM @ Celebration Hall

Prayers for God's Kingdom

"God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything he knew." (Tim Keller)

Resurrection Family & Ministry

- Members: Sarah Shafer
- Ann/Bdays: John S. (Sat)
- Specifics: Andrea N.'s family – dad & brother-in-law
Sue J's sister-in-law – very advanced cancer
- Location: exploring facility-sharing arrangement w/ St. Peter's UCC
- Witness: being salt and light and a blessing to others' in Jesus' name
- Additional:

The Wider Church

- Local: local Christians without current church homes
- Presbytery: Redeemer OPC (Danville)
- Home Missions: Brett and Maryann Mahlen (Orland Park, IL)

Brett Mahlen's ministry at Stateville Correctional Center is in full swing. He teaches a class focused on the first 38 questions of the Shorter Catechism to one group on Monday and another group on Saturday. The students are attentive and gladly do homework. Brett hopes to offer three different classes in the fall. He was recently given the opportunity to lead a Bible study for two men, and the guard read everything the inmates read. Brett has had good contact with many others who enter the prison to meet with inmates. He is able to stop by cells and initiate conversations. Pray that these would lead to good gospel discussions. Pray also that he will be efficient in administrative matters to have maximum time available for ministry.

- Foreign Missions: Short-Term teams preparing for summer ministry

The summer months are a busy time on our mission fields. Many evangelistic outreach programs are scheduled, and many short-term missionary volunteers are traveling overseas to assist in these ministry activities. Please pray for our missionaries as they continue their preparations... and for our short-term volunteers as they prepare lessons and finalize travel plans. Pray for the health and safety of the teams going to Czech Republic (July-August), Haiti (June-July), Quebec (June-August), and Uruguay (July).

- Persecuted Church: Pray for Hiba, expelled and threatened by her family

"Hiba," a North African Christian, is starting a new life after being kicked out of her family for converting to Christianity. After learning of her conversion, her father tortured her and, along with her brother, threatened to kill her. Now living in a new city, Hiba is adjusting well to her new life in Christ while continuing to heal from the physical and emotional torture she endured. She recently started a new job and is advocating for the rights of Christian women in her predominantly Muslim country. Please pray for Hiba's continued healing as she grows in Christ, and pray that she will be able to forgive her family and lead them to Jesus.



*...the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.*

*Worshiping the Triune God in
STATE COLLEGE & CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA*

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SERIOUS CHRISTIANITY FOR REAL LIFE
The Lord's Day, May 21, 2017

The Order of Morning Worship

☞ 10.30 AM ☞

Preparation

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude & Meditation

"With Hymns of Love and Joy"
(G. P. Telemann/arr. H. Lowe)

Worship

* Call to Worship & Salutation

* Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn of Adoration

Adoration
Psalm 67.5-7

"God Himself Is With Us" (#382)

Confession

The Revelation of God

Confession of Our Duty

Prayer of Confession

Promise of the Gospel

* Gloria Patri

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#734

Thanksgiving & Supplication

* Psalm of Thanksgiving

Prayers for God's Kingdom

Offering

* Doxology

Psalm 67A [insert]

#731

Hearing & Proclamation

* Prayer for Illumination

* Scripture Reading(s)

The Sermon

2 Corinthians 4.6-18, Numbers 6.22-27

"Benediction"

Response & Blessing

* Hymn of Response

* The Benediction

"It is Well with My Soul" (#691)

** Those who are able should stand.*

The Morning Meditation

*I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.
(Psalm 7.17)*

The Confession of Our Duty

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

PART 2: MAN'S DELIVERANCE (WEEKS 5 – 31)

LORD'S DAY 21

54. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

55. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it his duty to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

56. What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

The Promise of the Gospel

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (John 6.37)