

Announcements

- This morning we are grateful to welcome Pastor Ron Beabout of Grace & Truth to fill our pulpit. This evening, in lieu of our normal evening service, all are encouraged to worship with Grace & Truth at 6 p.m., meeting at the Office & Activities Center of East Salem UMC (7398 Route 235, Mifflintown, PA).
- Copies of the new Men's Doctrine Class book are available on the book table for \$10. This group will meet this Wednesday, July 18th, at 7 p.m. at the Simmons home. Women's Bible Study will not meet in the month of July.
- The *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* is also available for purchase on the book table (\$19).
- Children's Sunday School is seeking new substitutes, teachers, and helpers.
- Please consider signing up to attend evening worship at Grace and Truth.

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

- Individuals and Families: Patrick Glynn
- Ann/Bdays: Gavin M. (next Sunday)
- Specifics: Peggy Pennino surgery recovery
- Witness: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

The Wider Church

- Local: *pray for other evangelical congregations/ministries*
- Presbytery: Chris Walmer (Regional Home Missions Coordinator)
- Home Missions: Larry & Kalyann Oldaker (Huron, OH)

God is using the prayers and outreach efforts of his people at Grace Fellowship OPC to bring in several visitors. Larry shares, "We continue to be in a season of sowing—bit by bit we are sowing seeds in conversations and making relationships." An individual the church has been praying for visited worship again recently. He seemed affected by the Word preached, and he and another recent visitor have agreed to return. Please pray that these and others will return, that many more would come, and that Grace Fellowship would continue to bear faithful witness in their community.

- Foreign Missions: MM & LM (Asia)
- Persecuted Church: Grace Shown to Threatening Neighbor (Bangladesh)

A church planter who was harassed and threatened by his Muslim neighbor used the conflict as a way to model God's grace and forgiveness. After Nazmul and his family rented a house next to a Muslim family, the Muslims began to criticize Christians and shout curses at their new neighbors. Nazmul eventually decided to move, but the harassment didn't stop. One day in the marketplace, the Muslim man openly told Nazmul that he could kill him and no one would care. Nazmul responded by sending a letter to local elders, stating that he would not take revenge but instead forgave the man. Nazmul's attitude deeply impressed community members and even softened his neighbor's heart toward him. The man asked for a reconciliation meeting, and other villagers are also now more accepting of Nazmul and his family. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work on the heart of Nazmul's persecutor.



Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

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

BIBLICAL PREACHING ∞ HISTORIC WORSHIP
SERIOUS CHRISTIANITY FOR REAL LIFE
The Lord's Day, July 15, 2018

The Order of Morning Worship

☞ 10:30 AM ☞

Preparation

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude & Meditation

"They Shall Soar Like Eagles"
(Laura Manzo)

Worship

* Call to Worship & Salutation
* Prayer of Adoration
* Hymn of Adoration

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (#239)

The Revelation of God
Confession of Our Duty
Prayer of Confession
Promise of the Gospel

Adoration
Psalm 30:4-5

Confession

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Thanksgiving & Supplication
#571
Psalm 20B

* Gloria Patri
* Psalm of Thanksgiving
Prayers for God's Kingdom
Offering
* Doxology

#567

Hearing & Proclamation

* Prayer for Illumination
* Scripture Reading(s)
The Sermon

Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:8-19
"The Lord Will Provide"

Response & Blessing

"Though Troubles Assail Us" (#246)

* Hymn of Response
* The Benediction

** Those who are able should stand.*

The Morning Meditation

*"...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint."
(Isaiah 40:31)*

The Confession of Our Duty

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
PART 2: MAN'S DELIVERANCE (WEEKS 5 – 31)
LORD'S DAY 26

69. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.

71. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

In the institution of baptism where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

The Promise of the Gospel

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)