

Announcements

- This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Table is open to any current communicant member of a visible, gospel church. If you would like to explore membership with us, please speak to a member of session.
- 2019 offering envelopes (used for tracking giving for year-end receipts) are available starting today. Please pick up your box from treasurer Lori Rose after morning worship. If you would like a box but do not yet have one labeled with your name, there are extras that can be assigned.
- All college and grad students are invited to lunch at the Simmons home today.
- Men's Doctrine Class meets this Wed., December 19th, at the Simmons home. Women's Bible Study will not meet again until January 9th.
- Our annual Christmas Eve program, The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, will be held on December 24th at 6:00 p.m. at State College Friends School. Please invite your friends and neighbors!
- 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: Rachel Shellenberger
- Ann/Bdays: None this week
- Specifics: Peggy Pennino; Annie Simmons; Kendra Smith
- Witness: "And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people'" (Luke 2:10).

The Wider Church

- Local: *pray for other evangelical congregations/ministries*
- Presbytery: Chris Walmer (RHMC)
- Home Missions: Bradney & Eileen Lopez (Arroyo, Puerto Rico)
- Foreign Missions: Flip & Anneloes Baardman (Karamoja, Uganda)
- Persecuted Church: Chinese police raid prominent house church

From world.wng.org, reporting by June Cheng: "[Last] Sunday . . . Chinese officials launched a crackdown on Chengdu's Early Rain Covenant Church and its outspoken pastor, Wang Yi. Since then, police have broken down doors, swarmed apartment complexes, and ransacked homes to detain more than 100 leaders and members of the well-known house church Police have gone to the homes of church members and pressured them to sign a document stating Early Rain is an 'evil cult' and promising not to step foot in the church again. Police took into custody those who refused to sign. Police also raided two dormitories of the seminary and liberal arts college associated with Early Rain and took the students away."

Resurrection Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Meeting at State College Friends School, 1900 University Drive

Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. | Meeting at St. Peter's, 1795 W. College Ave.



"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

Worshiping the Triune God in

STATE COLLEGE & CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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The Lord's Day, December 16, 2018

The Order of Morning Worship

☞ 10:30 AM ☛

Preparation

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude & Meditation

"The Angel Gabriel"
(Andrew Gordon)

Worship

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

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (#300)

Adoration

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Confession

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

The Ten Commandments [insert]

Thanksgiving & Supplication

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

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Hearing & Proclamation

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

Isaiah 9:1-7; Luke 1:26-38
"Son of Mary, Son of God"

Communion

* Hymn of Communion
The Lord's Supper

"The Apostles' Creed" (#561)

Response & Blessing

* Hymn of Response
* The Benediction

"Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless" (#330)

* Those who are able should stand.

The Order of Evening Worship

☞ 6:00 PM ☛

Preparation

Welcome & Prayer Requests
Prelude & Meditation

"Prelude in C"
(J. Clarke)

Worship

* Call to Worship & Salutation
* Hymn of Adoration
* Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

1 Chronicles 16:29-31

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (#292)

Matthew 6:9-13

Confession

The Confession of Faith
of the Church Universal
of the Reformation Church

The Nicene Creed [insert]
Heidelberg Catechism #1 [insert]

Thanksgiving & Supplication

* Psalm of Thanksgiving
Prayers for God's Kingdom

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Hearing & Proclamation

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

Luke 1:57-79; Jeremiah 33:14-26
"A Son to Reign on His Throne"

Response & Blessing

* Hymn of Response
* The Benediction

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!" (#296)

* Those who are able should stand.

The Morning Meditation

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, the Lord of Hosts is with you." Gloria!

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy son shall be Emmanuel foretold; the Lord of Hosts is with you." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name: My spirit in God rejoices." Gloria!
(Basque Carol)

The Confession of Our Duty

What is the preface to the Ten Commandments? (Exodus 20:1-2)

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

What are the commandments of God? (Exodus 20:3-17)

1. "You shall have no other gods before me."
2. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."
3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."
4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."
5. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."
6. "You shall not murder."
7. "You shall not commit adultery."
8. "You shall not steal."
9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."
10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

The Promise of the Gospel

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

The Evening Meditation

"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!"
(Psalm 72:18-19)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Reformation Confessions

What is your only comfort in life and death? (Heidelberg Catechism #1)

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.