

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Morning Worship

November 8, 2020

Reflection

The power of God manifests itself and works in us through the written Word and through the Holy Spirit. He works in my personality, affects my will, and creates desires and longings within me. Suddenly I am aware of a desire to read the Word, or a desire to pray to God. It is the result of the working of God the Holy Spirit generating a prayer, or stimulating me to some other activity. He is constantly stimulating my will and giving me power to act. As Isaac Watts reminds us, 'His power subdues our sins'. He is working in us constantly; His Spirit 'breathes upon the Word' and enlightens our understanding, which in turn moves our hearts and stimulates our wills.

— D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:6-9 (responsive)

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷**let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Song of Praise — Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Supplication — Have Your Way with Me, O God

Have Your way with me, O God
In the temple of my heart
Let reverent love and holy awe
Be lifted unto You
The truth my inmost being claim
Til sin and shadows flee away
Teach my feet to love Your ways
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford
They left me destitute and poor
Now all I want is Christ
A passion for the gospel burns
To love Your bride, the holy church
Wash me with Your blood and Word
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way
I look to You for strength and faith
I need Your presence and Your grace
To persevere this hour
Complete in me what You've begun
Keep me by Your sovereign love
In my weakness, Spirit, come
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me
You bled for all who would believe
Let my life become a seed
And give me grace to die
Display through my surrendered life
Your selfless love and sacrifice
Until Your glory fills the sky
Be praised and glorified

Confession of Sin — Psalm 90:10-13

- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Assurance of Pardon — Jeremiah 31:33-34

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Silent Confession of Sin

Response in Song — My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness, to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace, and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness, with power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness, to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough, for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love, and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness, to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth, is given by the King
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — James 1:5-8

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Sermon — Lacking Wisdom?

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — 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

Postlude

God's Glad Giving

James 1:5-8

1. Lacking Wisdom (vs 5)

2. Giving Generously (vs 5)

3. Asking in Faith (vs 6-8)

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for those in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua (where Emily Howard served) that have been affected by the recent hurricane. As they face devastating damages to their homes and communities, please pray these people will have strength and support to rebuild and that they will put their hope and trust in God through it.
- Give thanks for the wonderful time the youth had on their retreat last weekend. Pray that the gospel seeds that were planted in their lives would show fruit as they love and serve one another.
- Pray for the growth groups that they would be places of encouragement, care, and growth. Pray that the leaders of the groups would be encouraged in their service and able to care well for the group members.
- Continue to pray for the budget and finance committee as they work on the 2021 budget. Pray for wisdom and unity as they work.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for our session as they carry out the calling that God has given them.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the local ministries we support financially — CareNet Pregnancy Center, the Frederick Rescue Mission, and Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain, provide for, and bless these ministries.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those around us: our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances. Pray for the churches in the Frederick area that they would be committed to preaching the Truth of the Word of God.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, Worldwide Outreach of the OPC that oversees Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions within the denomination. Pray particularly for the upcoming Thank Offering and that many would be generous in their giving to it.
- Pray for Claire Hall, who has arrived safely in Scotland and almost halfway through her quarantine. Pray for her as she adjusts to her new surroundings and that this time of new beginnings will be one of much joy and trust in Jesus.
- Pray for Ben Westerveld as he ministers at St. Marc's in Quebec City, Quebec and serves the people there. Pray for the refreshing, living water of the Spirit to uplift, encourage, and bring life to the congregants there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank offering, the annual denominational Thank Offering is kicking off this week. Please read the information on the back of this bulletin and pray about how you can support this ministry. A collection for the Thank Offering will be taken November 29th. You can give to it via the website...just make sure to put a memo that it is for the Thank Offering.

Help Bless the Vidal Family, The Vidal family has several birthdays plus Christmas coming up in December, and Hannah would welcome support for helping cover the cost of gifts for the kids. She would appreciate gift cards to several places, a list of which can be found at <http://bit.ly/vidalgiftcards>. This link also has additional information about getting the gift cards to her. Contact Eleese Layman with questions (eleese.layman@gmail.com). Thank you to our church family for your continued support of this sister and her kids!

Annual Report, it's hard to believe it's that time again... time to submit reports for the annual report. If you are a chairperson of any of the main committees, please contact your subcommittee folks for their submissions for the annual report. These reports should include information about what when on in the committee in 2020, what future plans might be, and information that would help give justification for the budget for that committee. These reports will be due Friday, December 4th.

Upcoming Events & Dates to Know:

- Annual Reports due to the office, December 4th

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — James 1:5 ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Heidelberg Catechism 117: What are the requisites of that prayer, which is acceptable to God, and which he will hear? *First, that we from the heart pray to the one true God only, who has manifested himself in his word, for all things, he has commanded us to ask of him; secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may deeply humble ourselves in the presence of his divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that he, notwithstanding that we are unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as he has promised us in his word.*

Monday: James 1:5. For what two things in vv 2-4 might you lack wisdom? Pinpoint those two things in your life. Where else do you need wisdom? Where do people typically turn to figure out how best to live their lives? What is wisdom (Prov 1:7, James 3:13, 17), and where do you get it (Prov 2:3-6, Col 3:16)?

Tuesday: James 1:5, Mt 7:7. The force of “let him ask” is an imperative “pray!” Do you lack wisdom? Pray! Go back over Monday’s answer, confess where you wrongly seek wisdom. Ask God to grant wisdom in the areas you need it. Spend time meditating on God’s character and Word, asking God to reveal how that changes how you live today.

Wednesday: God and his giving is tied very closely in James 1:5: God-the-one-who-gives, or, The Giver-God. Ponder that view of God (Mt 7:11, Lk 15:20-22, Eph 1:7-8). How does this invite you to pray, especially for wisdom? Some have argued that James is pressing us to ask for more of the Holy Spirit here -why might that be true (Lk 11:13, James 3:17)?

Thursday: When James 1:6 says we are not to doubt, but ask in faith, what are we not to doubt/waver in -how much we mean the prayer, that God will actually give us the thing we want, etc? How does Wednesday’s answer, and the Heidelberg 117 (above) help? Our faith must be in Christ, in God, knowing who he is and what he is like (Heb 11:6, 10:23).

Friday: How does contrasting the two people in James 1:6-7 reveal what kind of person the “doubter” actually is (see Ps 12:1-2)? “Double-mindedness is the antithesis to the wholeness or perfection alluded to in v 4.” How do we avoid it (Mt 22:37)? What do we do when we do doubt or waver (Mk 9:24, Acts 20:27-28)? Pray for those in the turmoil of unbelief.

Saturday: Read James 1:9-11. What can you learn from your lawn?

Thank Offering 2020

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. —James 1:2–4

What do you find real joy in? How about suffering—does that make your “top three” list of experiences you delight in? In his Word, Christ tells us that seasons of trial and testing, which may include real suffering, are for our good. They drive us back to look to the One in whom we put our faith, and in that exercise, the muscles of our faith are strengthened.

Our gaze shifts from our immediate, unpleasant circumstances to the sweet warmth of our living fellowship with Christ, even as we press on towards that glorious day when our faith becomes sight, when we are finally free from sin, and when we are made complete in him.

For the past two thousand years, Christ’s church has rejoiced in the privilege of having its faith tested, so that it might stand with steadfastness,



Octavius Delfils preaching in Haiti



David Robbins opening God’s Word in Karamoja (Uganda)

Foreign Missions

resilient against the wiles of the evil one.

But many in the world today suffer without hope—for they know not Christ, the fountain of all joy. Who is willing to go out and tell the perishing about the One who died for the

sins of his people, so that they, too, might come to know the only real joy there is? And who will send them?

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church sends missionaries to the ends of the earth to proclaim the abundant riches of Christ freely offered to the hundreds of millions who are currently perishing in their sins, that they might come to know the wonders of the Savior, and like us be able to rejoice, even in our times of suffering. Today your OPC missionaries labor to preach Jesus Christ to his precious ones in CHINA, ETHIOPIA, HAITI, QUEBEC, UGANDA, UKRAINE, and URUGUAY. And he is opening doors for ministry in AUSTRIA/SWITZERLAND, COLOMBIA, HUNGARY, INDIA, PERU, SUDAN, and beyond, even as we wait upon the Lord for the day when it will please him to allow us to resume our labors with the brothers and sisters in ERITREA—who are suffering much for the sake of the name of Christ.



Mark Richline proclaiming the good news in Uruguay



Heero Hacquebord pronouncing God's blessing in Ukraine

As you reflect upon all that has been entrusted to you, please join with other Orthodox Presbyterians in supporting Worldwide Outreach and give generously to the 2020 THANK OFFERING.

Thank Offering Goal: \$1,200,000