

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

I Come By The Blood

WELCOME!

Don Bechtold

Pew pads are located along the inside aisle. Please take a moment to let us know that you were with us this morning and to tell us how we can help you today.

OUR HISTORIC FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 45

Q116. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them. Ps. 50:14-15; 116:12-19; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-13

Q117. How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what he promised us in his Word. Ps. 145:18-20; John 4:22-24; Rom. 8:26-27; James 1:5; 1 John 5:14-15; 2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 2:11; 34:18; 62:8; Isa. 66:2; Rev. 4; Dan. 9:17-19; Matt. 7:8; John 14:13-14; 16:23; Rom. 10:13; James 1:6

Q118. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us. James 1:17; Matt. 6:33

Q119. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

God of Wonders

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

Heavenly Father, we come to You with weak hearts. We are dull to the amazing sacrifice made by Jesus as we drag our half-hearted and double-minded requests into your presence. We have not prayed as we ought. We have not cultivated gratitude in our lives, and we have not asked for the Holy Spirit. Instead we have relied on ourselves and couched our self-dependence in spiritual terms—as if needing less of You made us better people. We are sorry. Forgive us our sin. We cannot now, nor will we ever be able to do what we ought and what we need by ourselves. Send us your Holy Spirit to renew, empower, quicken, and strengthen us so that we might honor You with gratitude in our hearts and actions and give glory to Jesus through whom we have access to You through prayer.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

from Isaiah 55:6-12

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ "For my thoughts are

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not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

MISSIONS MINUTE: NATIONAL ORPHAN SUNDAY

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Whate’er My God Ordains is Right

Following the Offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children two years and under. Children three years of age through fifth grade may go to Children’s

RENEWAL

GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Bechtold

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 and ever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 29:13-35

As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister’s son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. ¹⁴ Then Laban said to him, “You are my own flesh and blood.”

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, ¹⁵ Laban said to him, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.”

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”

¹⁹ Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.”

²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when

evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. ²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?”

²⁶ Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.”

²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹ Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. ³⁰ Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. ³² Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, “It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now.”

³³ She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.” So she named him Simeon.

³⁴ Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” So he was named Levi.

³⁵ She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

“The Gospel According to Jacob: When the Lord Saw”

RESPONSE

SONG FOR REFLECTION

What Wondrous Love is This

MISSIONS OFFERING: GOING FORTH WITH EXPECTATION AND JOY

The Sands of Time are Sinking

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAMETAGS HAVE BEEN UPDATED: Please use your nametags to help those who are visiting and those who've been here a long time and keep forgetting.

ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITY each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15. We are Exploring Christianity through the Gospel of Mark.

REFORMATION SUNDAY BONFIRE Let's gather and celebrate Reformation Sunday from 5:30-8:00 TONIGHT with a bonfire, hot chocolate and a viewing of the documentary and concert, *Roots and Wings* about Indelible Grace and its 2010 Hymn Sing at the Ryman. Dress for the weather and bring your own marshmallows and roasting sticks.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Mark your calendars, we are hosting the following weeks of the first half of 2012 Feb 5-12, Apr 8-15, and June 10-17.

ROBINWOOD THANKSGIVING FEAST is scheduled for November 13. Mark your calendars and stoke those ovens as we visit and serve our friends at Robinwood. If you would like to help, but are not into cooking, don't have time to cook, or can't attend the event see Darlene Clagett about how you can help and what you might provide.

IDENTITY AND PURPOSE MEETING on November 14 from 7-8pm. We are continuing our discussion and working on a distilled vision and purpose for GPC. You do not have to have attended a previous meeting, but please let Randy know you are coming.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER: Movie night at the Potts' home on Sat Nov 19 @ 6:30 pm. Everyone, please bring a snack to share.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: We rehearse every other week and our next rehearsal is **Nov 7** from 8-9pm at the building. For more information or to sign up please contact Michael Kuehn (eventhieves@gmail.com).

TODAY IS NATIONAL ORPHAN SUNDAY. The mission committee would like to raise awareness regarding the care and needs of orphans world-wide and allow the congregation of Grace to be involved. We will kick off a children's vitamin drive on Nov 6 which will run for the entire month of November. Hard chewable vitamins are needed to supplement the feeding programs provided by Vision Trust International. Keep this in mind as you shop over the next few weeks and be prepared to help. Boxes will be placed in the foyer to collect the vitamins.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES continue from 6 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday this fall. Join us for Women's Bible Study, MS Youth, Primary age activities, and Pre-K Groups. Nursery is provided.

LADIES' PRAYER MEETING: Please join us for a women's prayer/bible study. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Baum 336-210-6899.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP will be meeting at the bonfire tonight.

REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Redeemer School will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, November 15th from 9:15-10:30am. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our philosophy and TK-8 curriculum as well as take a tour and receive information about enrollment. Please contact the school at 336-724-9460 to RSVP or to request more information.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY NEEDS volunteers in all areas. Please contact Vicki Jones for more information or a no-obligation tour at 724-7875, ext 1043 or voluneer@crisiscontrol.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Dave Wiebking (11/8); Chip Ellis (11/11); Greer Brieady (11/12); Darlene Clagett (11/12).

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

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OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Coordinator: Gail Adams • Nursery Scheduler: Christy Ogburn

| Date | Walkers | 2-year-olds | Children's Church |
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| TODAY | David & Jackie Crowe | Erin Collins Bryan Pardue | Nov 3/4yr Mike Lis & Mona Underhill K-2nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3th-5th Ted & Amy Mead |
| Nov 13 | Joan Dalton Sky Smith | Sarah Hicks Jacob Pardue | |
| Nov 20 | Jennifer Edwards Catherine Edwards | Jack & Amanda Goode | Dec 3/4yr Chris DeBoer & Ethan DeBoer K-2nd Karl & Mary Freeman 3th-5th Larry & Darlene Clagett |
| Nov 27 | Jeff Greene Laura Devonmille | Glen Hart Cara Mead | |

| Ushers | Greeters |
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| Hugh Smith Ben Banks | November: Jewells |
| Dave Collins Doug Sonnenburg | December: Plybons |
| Matt Lievens Jim Dougherty | January: Bechtolds |

| Elder Prayer Rotation | Rapid Visitation |
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| November: Don Bechtold | November: Amy Mead |
| December: Larry Clagett | December: Kay Glore |

| Deacon | | |
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| Today | Nov 13 | Nov 27 |
| Chad Sapp | Jim Dougherty | David Collins |

| Worship Team |
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| Zach DeBoer, Michael Kuehn, Catherine Edwards Jodi Pardue, Jim Dougherty |

Our Church Officers
Session: Don Bechtold, Randy Edwards, Matt Lievens, Jim Plybon, Wynn Baum, and John DeBoer
Diaconate: David Collins, Joe Dell'Arena, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, and Chad Sapp.

Church Staff and Contact Extensions
The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until noon.
 Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext. 11
 Carla Collins, Accountant/Children's Ministry Coordinator/Preschool Director • ext. 12

| Weekly Financial Summary | General Fund | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | 2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870 | | | | |
| | | budget | contributions | expenses | needed to meet expenses |
| | MTD Oct 31 | \$ 26,990 | \$ 34,293 | \$ 26,347 | (\$ 7,303) |
| | YTD | \$ 269,900 | \$ 283,835 | \$ 270,690 | (\$ 13,935) |
| Building | | Missions | | | |
| MTD Oct 31 | \$ 0 | MTD Oct 31 | \$ 669 | | |
| YTD | \$ 480 | YTD | \$ 5,740 | | |



For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men.

November 6, 2011

"Most people, if they have really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy. I am not now speaking of what would be ordinarily called unsuccessful marriages, or holidays, or learned careers. I am speaking of the best possible ones. There was something we have grasped at, in the first moment of longing, which just fades away in the reality. I think everyone knows what I mean. The wife may be a good wife, and the hotels and scenery may have been excellent, and chemistry may be a very interesting job: but something has evaded us."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request which you would like to have offered during the Pastoral Prayer, please speak with the pastor during the break.
Elder Prayer: If you would like prayer, Elders are available after the service to pray with you.
Men's Prayer each Friday Morning in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:15 am.