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Front Cover Artwork

Ásgrímur Jónsson. *Mt. Esja, seen from the building Vinaminni*. 1910, Oil on canvas. In the public domain.

Ásgrímur Jónsson (March 4, 1876 – April 5, 1958) was an Icelandic painter, and one of the first in the country to make art a professional living.

He studied at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen between 1900 and 1903 and traveled widely after graduation.

Icelandic nature was Ásgrímur's principal subject from the beginning, and his work formed the foundation of Icelandic landscape art. His vision of nature was shaped by 19th-century romanticism, and he remained faithful to that vision, though his emphases and work methods changed over the course of a career spanning nearly 60 years. Ásgrímur was also a pioneer in the illustration of Icelandic folktales and adventures and remains one of Iceland's most prolific folktale illustrators.

Ásgrímur painted in nature and made a particular effort to interpret the light of the land. He painted both with watercolors and oil paint and occupies a unique place in Icelandic art history as a watercolor artist. He remained true to naturalism to begin with, but toward the end of the 1920s, impressionist influences begin to emerge in his works. After 1940 his work methods became more organic, and his art was characterized by colorful expressionism.

He was also noted for his murals in various churches in Iceland. A number of his works are on display in the National Gallery of Iceland. Ásgrímur influenced many artists in Iceland. He was made honorary professor at the University of Iceland, and in 1933 he was made Grand Knight of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon. He was an honorary member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Arts and Knight of Dannebrog, first class.

Ásgrímur Jónsson died in 1958 and bequeathed all his own works that remained in his possession to the Icelandic nation, along with a property at Bergstaðastræti 74 in Reykjavík. The Ásgrímur Jónsson Collection was opened in his house in 1960. The Ásgrímur Jónsson Collection is now a special division of the National Gallery of Iceland.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ásgrímur_Jónsson



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

Junior Church for children aged 4-Grade 3 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

Today's Communion Servers are Brad Weaver and Nick Yingst.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 22:22-25

*I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:*

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!

*All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!*

²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred

the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

***²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.***

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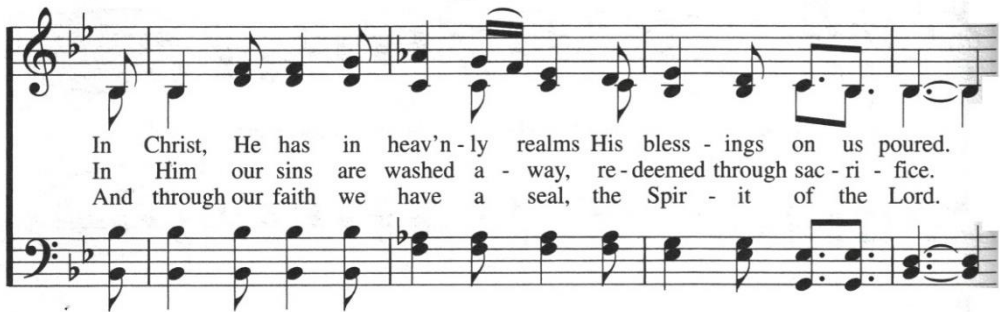
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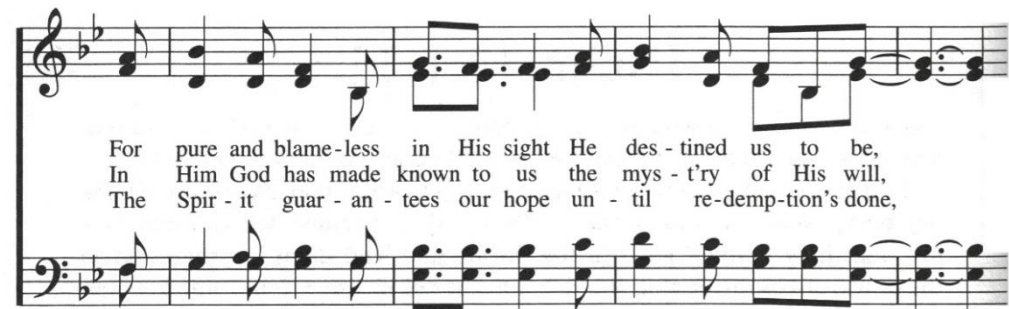
Come Praise and Glorify



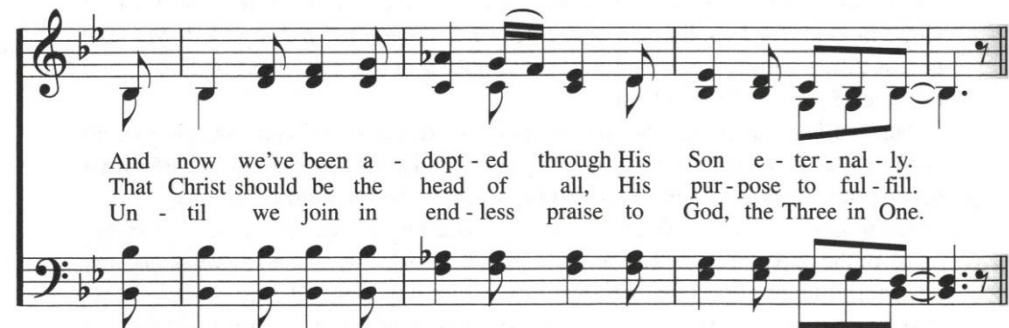
1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our Lord.
2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in Christ.
3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms His bless - ings on us poured.
In Him our sins are washed a - way, re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
In Him God has made known to us the mys - t'ry of His will,
The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp - tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
That Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill.
Un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three in One.



***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for us,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,
we have been grieved by various trials,
so that the tested genuineness of our faith—
more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Though we have not seen him, we love him.

**Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and
rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of our faith,
the salvation of our souls.**

*Gloria Patri

**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
and to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.**

Reading of God's Standard

Luke 12:4-5

Today's reading continues to explore the First Commandment to have no other gods (Exodus 20:3).

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

*Song of Confession: We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought

1. We have not known thee as we ought, nor learned thy
2. We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed be -
3. We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that
4. We have not served thee as we ought; a - las! the

wis - dom, grace, and pow'r; the things of earth have filled our thought,
neath thine awe - some eye, nor guard - ed deed and word and thought,
we are loved by thee; thy pres - ence we have cold - ly sought,
du - ties left un - done, the work with lit - tle fer - vor wrought,

and tri - fles of the pass - ing hour. Lord, give us light thy
re - mem - ber - ing that God was nigh. Lord, give us faith to
and fee - bly longed thy face to see. Lord, give a pure and
the bat - tles lost, or scarce - ly won! Lord, give the zeal, and

truth to see, and make us wise in know - ing thee.
know thee near, and grant the grace of ho - ly fear.
lov - ing heart to feel and own the love thou art.
give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1889
Alt. 1990

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Joseph Barnby, 1872

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 25-March 2, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Medical Center Emergency Department
- **Civil Government:** US Representative Scott Perry
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Canada
- **Unreached People Group:** Basa-Gurmana of Nigeria
Population: 5,300; Language: Basa-Gurmana; Religion: ethnic religions

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net. "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:** Ken K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Assistant Treasurer Jessica Buckwalter
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Christ Reformed Church, Alexandria, PA
(A mission church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Anees and Fareda,
serving in a sensitive area

The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*During this song, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.*

***Song of Preparation: Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness**

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with two parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way 2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru - ly how to live, that I may plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in thy safe - ty. glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

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St. 1, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
St. 2, George F. Strickling
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LEAD ME, LORD 10.8.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

Isaiah 51:9-16

Awake, awake, put on strength,

O arm of the LORD;

awake, as in days of old,

the generations of long ago.

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,

who pierced the dragon?

¹⁰ *Was it not you who dried up the sea,*

the waters of the great deep,

who made the depths of the sea a way

for the redeemed to pass over?

¹¹ *And the ransomed of the LORD shall return*

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹² *"I, I am he who comforts you;
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,
of the son of man who is made like grass,
¹³ and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,
who stretched out the heavens
and laid the foundations of the earth,
and you fear continually all the day
because of the wrath of the oppressor,
when he sets himself to destroy?
And where is the wrath of the oppressor?
¹⁴ He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;
he shall not die and go down to the pit,
neither shall his bread be lacking.
¹⁵ I am the LORD your God,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
the LORD of hosts is his name.
¹⁶ And I have put my words in your mouth
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,
establishing the heavens
and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

Repentance & Faith (1)
Jesus Knocking
Today's Text: Isaiah 51:9-16
Pastor David Kertland

1. _____ , the _____ teaching.

2. Repent of the _____ of _____ .

3. _____ the Lord.

Prayer of Application

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

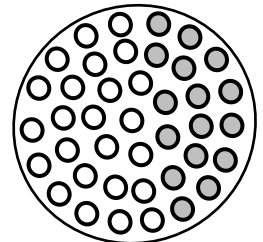
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.



white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

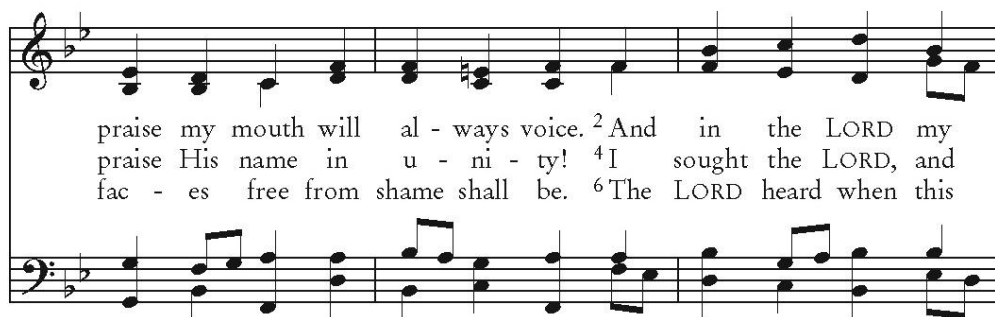
Receiving God's Blessing

*Song of Dedication & Service: I Will At All Times Bless the Lord (Psalm 34)



1. ¹ I will at all times bless the LORD; His
2. ³ Come, let us mag - ni - fy the LORD, And
3. ⁵ How ra - dant, those who looked to Him! Their

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praise my mouth will al - ways voice. ² And in the LORD my
praise His name in u - ni - ty! ⁴ I sought the LORD, and
fac - es free from shame shall be. ⁶ The LORD heard when this



soul shall boast; The poor will hear it and re - joice.
in re - ply, From all my fears He res - cued me.
poor man cried, And from all trou - ble set him free.

Musikalisches Handbüch, Hamburg, 1690

4. ⁷ Encircling those who fear the LORD
His angel camps, and rescues them.
⁸ O taste and see the LORD is good;
How blessed are those who trust in Him.

5. ⁹⁻¹⁰ Revere the LORD, all you His saints.
Young lions may at times lack food;
But none who fears and seeks the LORD
Shall be deprived of any good.

God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*Postlude

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Ásgrímur Jónsson. *Mt. Esja, seen from the building Vinaminni*. 1910, Oil on canvas. In the public domain, US. Information from: <https://www.wikiart.org/en/asgrimur-jonsson/mt-esja-seen-from-the-building-vinaminni-1910>; image from: <https://theintrepidtourist.blogspot.com/2023/09/hus-asgrims-jonssonar-painters-home-in.html>. Image from: <https://theintrepidtourist.blogspot.com/2023/09/hus-asgrims-jonssonar-painters-home-in.html>
- 2) **Music:** "Come Praise and Glorify" (44) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). "We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought" (493) and "Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness" (727) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "I Will At All Times Bless the Lord" (34B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Information about the artist and the National Gallery of Iceland museums from www.listasafn.is/en/visit/home-of-an-artist/; www.listasafn.is/en/; and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ásgrímur_Jónsson. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Isaiah, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of John Calvin, Bob Fyall, Matthew Henry, J. Alec Motyer, Graham S. Ogden, Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Shalom M. Paul, Gary V. Smith, Jan Sterk, Barry G. Webb, Edward J. Young, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).

* Congregation standing

Learning Our Confession: Repentance unto Life

Westminster Confession of Faith*:

Chapter 15: Of Repentance unto Life

1. Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ.
2. By it, a sinner, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, as contrary to the holy nature, and righteous law of God; and upon the apprehension of his mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, so grieves for, and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with him in all the ways of his commandments.
3. Although repentance be not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof, which is the act of God's free grace in Christ; yet it is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.
4. As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation; so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.
5. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins, particularly.
6. As every man is bound to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for the pardon thereof; upon which, and the forsaking of them, he shall find mercy; so, he that scandalizeth his brother, or the church of Christ, ought to be willing, by a private or public confession, and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended, who are thereupon to be reconciled to him, and in love to receive him.

Westminster Shorter Catechism*:

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

*Having been written in the mid-1600s, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms are in an older English style. They have been received by the PCA as our doctrinal standards; that is, they summarize what we believe the Bible teaches. We understand them to be "subject to and subordinate to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inerrant Word Of God." The Bible itself is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. For more information, see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/>.



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