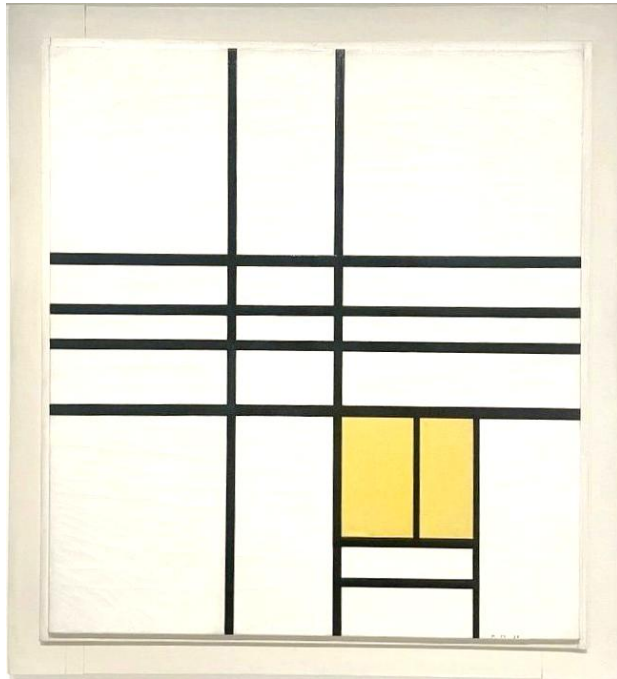




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This Month's Front Cover Artwork

Piet Mondrian, Dutch, 1872-1944, *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland.

About the artist: “Mondrian grew up in a devout Dutch Calvinist home and learned to draw at an early age by making devotional lithographs with his father. When he entered the Academy of Fine Art in Amsterdam in 1892, he went to live (until 1895)...in the home of Johan Adam Wormser, the publisher and close friend of...Abraham Kuyper. ...Around 1900 Mondrian experienced some sort of deep crisis of faith. He gradually withdrew from the Reformed community and turned to more esoteric forms of spirituality. [A]rt historians have tended to frame [his later theosophical beliefs] solely within a narrative of rupture from his Calvinist upbringing. These accounts often downplay (or wholly ignore) the extent to which Mondrian's painting and writing also demonstrate significant continuities with his Reformed roots.” From Jonathan A. Anderson and William A. Dyrness, *Modern Art and the Life of a Culture: The Religious Impulses of Modernism* (IVP Academic, 2016, 174-185) See also Joseph Masheck's “A Christian Mondrian” in *Bavinck Review* 6 (2015): 37-72 for an interesting argument that Mondrian's Reformed background deserves more attention and explores parallels between Mondrian's mature paintings and Herman Bavinck's Reformed theology.

Early pieces by Mondrian:



Thy Word is the Truth, 1894



Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight, c.1903

“Piet Mondrian's 1894 painting *Thy Word Is the Truth* (originally titled *Uw woord is de waarheid*) is an early **vanitas** work that reflects his **Calvinist** upbringing. [T]he piece depicts traditional symbols of mortality, including a **scythe**, **hourglass**, and **crown**, and bears the inscription ‘**Thy Word Is Truth.**’ This early work establishes the spiritual and philosophical dialogue between the earthly and the divine that would define Mondrian's later evolution into **abstract art** and the **De Stijl** movement. As he progressed, Mondrian moved away from literal religious iconography to seek a universal truth through **pure plastic art**, using primary colors and straight lines to express spiritual harmony rather than specific religious narratives.

Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight (signed by artist), c. 1903: This landscape clearly reveals how indebted Mondrian was to the Hague School as a young artist.”



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 you have come to worship God with us as we come to him through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **Nursery** for children aged infant through 3 years old is provided on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Vicki Gehron and Lauren Sanabria.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. beginning during the hymn before the sermon. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Asahel Church.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible. Worship service participants may include in alphabetical order: Emily Church (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Keith Dolon (greeter), David Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (vocals), Katy McIlvaine (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Cooper Yingst (trumpet), Jeb Yingst (sound), Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Ushers are Keith Dolon, Joe Kearns, and Kentaro Minagawa.

Counters are Nora Dolon and Kentaro Minagawa.

Throughout today's service: the light face type is read by the leader; the bold face type is to be read or sung by the congregation.

Prelude

Greeting of Peace:

1 Peter 1:1-2

*To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ
and for sprinkling with his blood:*

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 103:6-14, 22

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

*⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

*¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

*¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

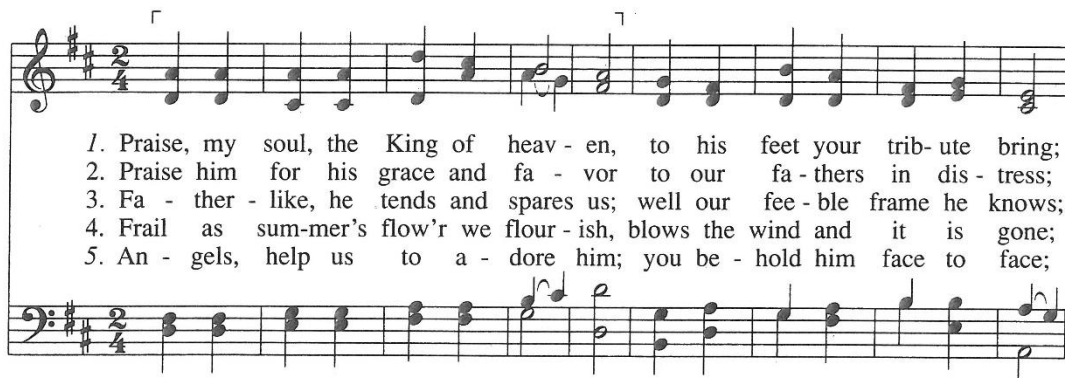
*¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

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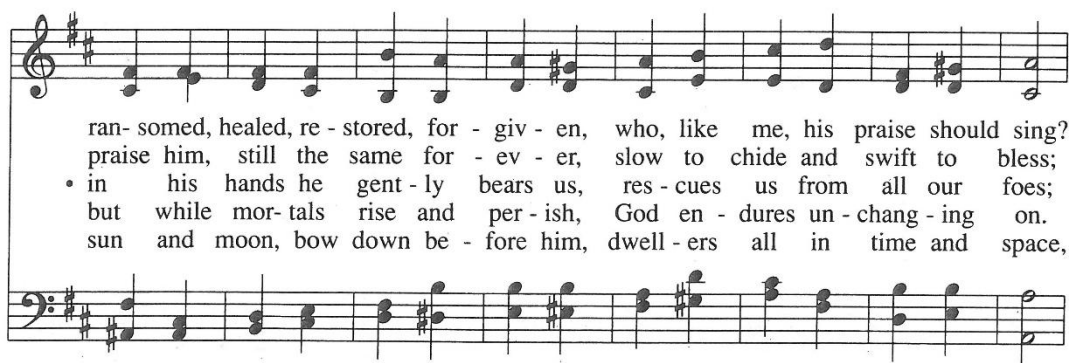
*²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*Response of Praise:

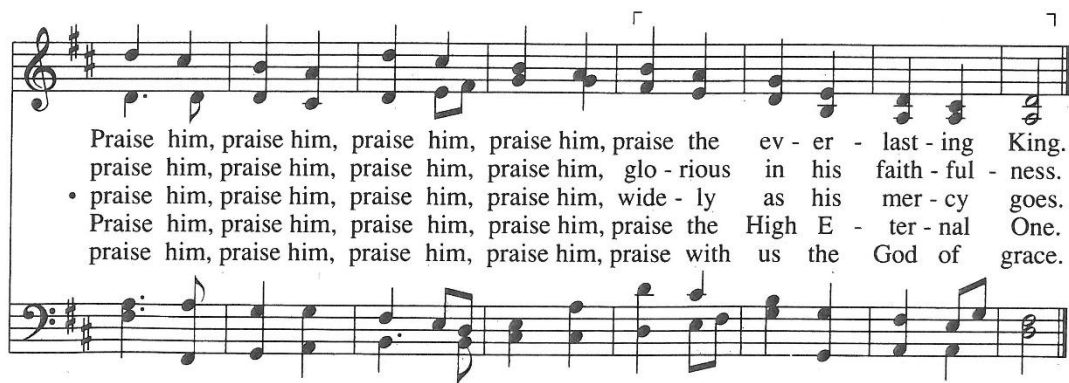
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* “‘Catholic’ here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples.” It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; it is not intended to be a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:1-2, 13

For the reading of God's Standard this month, we are reading the 9th commandment and related Scripture passages.

And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

... ¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 67. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing

Q. 68. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Philippians 2:12-13

“[C]ontinue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

Choral Response

Benediction

Unison

1. May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's bound-less love,
2. Thus may we a - bide in u - nion with each oth - er and the Lord,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor, rest up - on us from a - bove.
and pos - sess, in sweet com - mu - nion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.

EVENING PRAYER (STAINER) 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer, 1898

John Newton, 1779

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 4 - 11

Intercession for the World:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor Sandy Ballard
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner Justin Douglas
- **Unreached People Group:** Bhuiya of South Asia
Population: 2,122,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism
"...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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Assistant Pastor of Covenant Family Ministries Paul Hepperle
- **Supported Missionary or Organization:** John & Kathy Clow (MTW, Honduras)

The Lord's Prayer:

We close our prayer in unison with this version of the 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.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

During this hymn, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children in the narthex.

*Song of Preparation:

There Is a Redeemer

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.
Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son,
and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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**

Ruth 3:18-4:6

¹⁸ She [Naomi] replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

^{4:1} Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ² And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³ Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." ⁶ Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Ruth: Not Without a Redeemer (10)

Sermon:

“Who Will Redeem?”

Today’s Text: Ruth 4:1-6; Pastor David Kertland

1) One who _____ the _____ of Redemption

2) One who _____ the _____ of Redemption

Preparing for the Lord’s Supper:

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 (see below)

Prayer

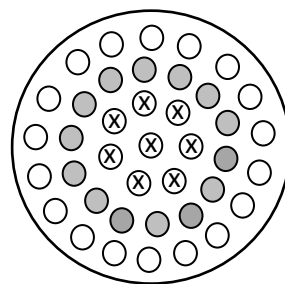
Words of Institution:

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."

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 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 in clear cups
gray circles = wine in purple cups

Prayer

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 to our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Commitment:**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

G D

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
 2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how my
 3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -
 4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his

D7 G

won - drous love to me: on the cru - el cross he
 lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
 um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he
 heav'n - ly love to me; he from death to life has

D D7 G

suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
 mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
 giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
 brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

(over)

REFRAIN

Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er!
Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er! Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er!

He pur-chased me,
With his blood he pur-chased me;
With his blood he pur-chased me, he pur-chased me;
He pur-chased me, with his blood he pur-chased me;

on the cross he sealed my par-don,
on the cross he sealed my par-don, on the cross he sealed my par-don,
on the cross he sealed my par-don, on the cross he sealed my par-don,

paid the debt and made me free.
paid the debt and made me free, and made me free, and made me free.

Being Sent to Serve God

***Benediction:**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

***Postlude**

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

After the service, greet someone you don't know. The time following the worship service is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ! We encourage you to look for others you don't know, introduce yourself, and welcome them in the name of Jesus Christ!

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** cover: Piet Mondrian *Composition*, 1936. Oil on canvas. 28 3/4 x 26 1/16 inches (73 x 66.2 cm). Made in: France. The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection, 1950. Accession Number: 1950-134-152. Provenance: Purchased from the artist through Marcel Duchamp as agent to Louise and Walter C. Arensberg, Los Angeles, probably in 1936; gift to PMA, 1950. <https://www.philamuseum.org/objects/51070>. Photo by David Kertland. Page 2: Mondrian: *Thy Word is the Truth*, 1894 (Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=96789065>); *Oostzijdse Mill along the River Gein by Moonlight* (<https://www.thehistoryofart.org/piet-mondrian/oostzijdse-mill-along-the-river-gein-by-moonlight/>). In the public domain.
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- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Various from chatgpt.com. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **On the Sermon:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Ruth, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, David Atkinson, Christopher Ash, Daniel I. Block, John Calvin, Iain M. Duguid, Sinclair Ferguson, Mary Wilson Hannah, Matthew Henry, Adam J. Howell, Robert Jamieson, C. F. Keil, Peter H. W. Lau and Gregory Goswell, André LaCocque, Leon Morris, Jonathan Prime, and Barry G. Webb. 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, as personal ability allows.



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