

## "growing a family to reach a community"

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing our community and world with Jesus

#### Lord's Day Worship April 25, 2021

#### Call to Worship

#### Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

#### Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Song

Psalm 29:3-4

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Our God Song

**Opening Prayer** 

#### Confessing Our Sins Together

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Speak to each of us today, and let your word make us more like our blessed Savior, Jesus. Amen.

#### Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Romans 3:23-26

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

#### It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Song

In Christ Alone

Song

Praying for Our Nation and Our Leaders

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Speak, O Lord

Song

#### Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts Acts 17. 16-34 Preaching to the Outsiders, part 1

All I Have is Christ

Song

Benediction Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

#### Scripture Reading

#### Acts 17. 16-34 (English Standard Version)

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

"'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

### The Gospel According to Acts Acts 17. 16-34

#### Preaching to the Outsiders, part 1

| I. The Audience (vs. 18-20) |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| A. Epicurean –              | was the highest goal |
| B. Stoic –                  | was the highest goal |
| II. The Manner (vs. 22-23)  |                      |
| III. The Speech (vs. 24-31) |                      |
| A. God is                   | (v. 24)              |
| B. God is                   | (vs. 24-25)          |
| C. God is                   | (vs. 26-28)          |
| IV. The Lessons             |                      |

- An expanded audience
- A vision for opportunities



| Task Schedule                | This Week           | Next Week           |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Greeting Upper-Level         | D. Cuomo/H. Jackson | Henderson           |
| Nursery                      | B. Lacock/B. Bergey | Wesner              |
| Nursery Helper               |                     | Nate & Addie Wesner |
| Sound Booth                  | Ethan/Darrin/Abby   | Ethan/Heather/Isaac |
| Simulcast Downstairs         | Eric                | Eric                |
| Congregational prayer led by | Steve Haldeman      | Paul Wesner         |

#### This Week:

| TodayNursery Staff/Volunteers meeting, 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall* |
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| Hymn Sing, 5:30 p.m. at Eric & Mary Lou Hobold's Home, Green Lane         |
| TuesdayLadies Book of Chronicles, Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church        |
| Ladies Romans Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church                            |
| WednesdayMen's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall     |
| ThursdayRevelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church                       |
| Men's <i>Genesis</i> Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church                     |
| FridayB & C Lacock HFG, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom                                 |
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#### Future:

| May 2Marriage Matters, 6    | :00 p.m. in the sanctuary                     |
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| May 10Young Men's Group,    | , 7-8:30 p.m., meeting in the Fellowship Hall |
| May 16Spring Kick-off HFG I | Hot Dog Roast, 5:00 p.m. at the Pavilion      |

#### **Announcements:**

\*Genna Dimmick is coordinating a schedule for **Nursery Volunteers**. If you would like to serve in the nursery, please see Genna. There will be a nursery **volunteer meeting**, in the fellowship hall, today following morning worship. The meeting is for those who are signed up to serve and those who are interested in volunteering in the nursery.

**Church Officers Nomination forms** are on the round table in the foyer. Please read through them and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate and speak with them before handing in the nomination form. A small black box is on the round table for you to place your signed nomination form in.

SAVE THE DATE!: "Spring Spruce Up: Come for the Work, Stay for the Picnic"

Saturday, May 15th at 1pm. The Women's Ministry and Deacons would love your help for this FAMILY DAY, so mark your calendars, we need everyone! We'll be making a new kid play space, creating a flower garden, and a few other fun projects that will make our church property even better! Whatever your skill level, age, or ability, we have a job for you!

- work starts at 1 pm and ends with a picnic at 6pm
- details and sign up are up on the white board as you enter the front doors!
- any questions now? Contact Becca Lacock

RESTARTING MONDAY, MAY 10TH:

# YOUNG MEN'S SMALL GROUP

/IT PROVIDENCE

#### Sex and Money DVD

series by Paul Tripp
"Pleasures that
leave you empty
and grace that
satisfies"

HALF HOUR CONTENT

Small Group Discussion

Table group interaction and support time

HALF HOUR
DISCUSSION

Small Group Prayer

Table groups will pray for each other and major church needs.

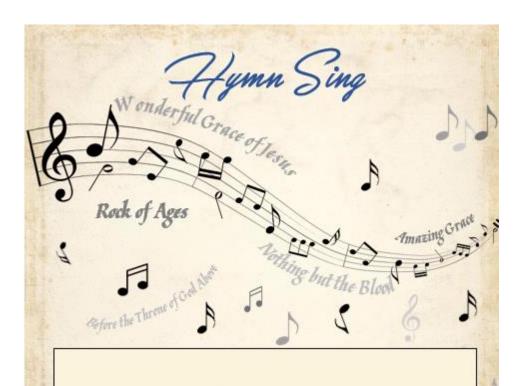
HALF HOUR PRAYER TIME

EVERY OTHER MONDAY @ 7:00-8:30PM

BOOKS YOU MAY WANT TO ORDER AND BEGIN TO READ: Sex in a Broken World (Paul Tripp) Redeeming Money (Paul Tripp)

Questions? Contact Bill Miles

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You are warmly invited to join us as we sing hymns in honor and glory to God

Tonight, April 25 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

at the Hobold's home Green Lane, PA 18054

Any questions please contact Mary Lou

