

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, March 6, at 4:00 P.M. WPC will be showing the film "Sabina: Tortured for Christ," a story from Voice of the Martyrs. There is no admission charge. You can find more information by clicking on the link in this week's e-newsletter. Trevor Downie can offer you more information about this film and this event.

Movie Night for children 5th grade and younger will be in our fellowship hall on Friday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. Come in your pajamas and bring a pillow, blanket, and your favorite stuffed animal! You can also bring a friend or two as long as you let us know ahead of time. And mark your calendar to ask those same friends to our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m.

The Family Promise family we hosted recently has obtained housing and we have an opportunity to help them get settled. We are collecting, for the next week, cleaning supplies of all sorts for Kendra and her family. Check your email or call the church office to see what is needed so that there are not multiple duplications. When you bring your donations, please put them in the library. Thanks for your help.

PRAYER CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Presbytery—Crossgate PC, Seneca—David Story
Denomination—Mission to North America—Paul Hahn
Missionaries—Daniel and Lindsay Hill—CO Columbia
National and Regional Leadership

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Dennis Campbell—continued relief from back pain
Terry Baxley—complete healing of lungs, more stamina
Hope Natiello—pain management
Al Licalzi—continued good response to meds

THOSE EXPECTING

Rebecca Verdin—boy, due in June

To put requests on the weekend prayer chain

Pat Watts 864-871-0556 or Anne Edwards 864-871-5738

February Financial Report

Income Week 1	\$13,588.29
Income Week 2	\$4,367.40
Income Week 3	\$6,045.35
Income Week 4	
Income Week 5	
Operating Income MTD	\$24,001.04
Total Expenses MTD	\$20,792.90
Operating Income YTD	\$51,581.80
Total Expenses YTD	\$51,016.58
YTD Total Income over (under) expenses	\$565.22

A Service for the Worship of God

February 27, 2022

PRELUDE

Arioso~J S Bach

Catie Moyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 119:33-40

Paul Moore

**Teach us, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and we will keep it to the end.
Give us understanding, that we may keep your law
and observe it with our whole hearts.
Lead us in the path of your commandments,
for we delight in it.
Incline our hearts to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
Turn our eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give us life in your ways.
Confirm to your servants your promise,
that you may be feared.
Turn away the reproach that we dread,
for your rules are good.
Behold, we long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give us life!**

Let us praise the LORD, who in his steadfast love and mercy has given us eternal life in his Son Jesus Christ!

HYMN OF ADORATION

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to confession

James 2:8-11

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from "The Law of God" (Westminster 19.6-7)

Although true believers are not justified or condemned by the law as a covenant of works, the law is nevertheless very useful to them and to others. As a rule of life, it informs them of God's will and of their obligation to obey it.

It also reveals to them the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives, so that, examining themselves from its point of view, they may become more convinced of the presence of sin in them, more humiliated on account of that sin, and hate sin the more. Thus they gain a better awareness of their need for Christ and for the perfection of his obedience.

The prohibitions against sin in the law are also useful in restraining believers from pursuing the desires of their old nature, and the punishments for disobedience in the law show them what their sins deserve and what afflictions they may expect for them in this life, even though they have been freed from the curse threatened in the law.

The promises of the law similarly show them that God approves obedience and that blessings may be expected for obedience, although not as their due from the law as a covenant of works. The fact that the law encourages doing good and discourages doing evil does not mean that a person who does good and refrains from evil is under the law and not under grace.

None of these uses of the law is contrary to the grace of the gospel. They rather beautifully comply with it, because the Spirit of Christ subdues and enables the will of man to do voluntarily and cheerfully what the will of God, revealed in the law, requires to be done.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SONGS OF PREPARATION I Will Wait for You (based on Psalm 130)
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Lord, from the depths I call to you; Lord, hear me from on high,
And give attention to my voice when I for mercy cry.

Lord in Your presence who can stand, if You our sins record?
But yet forgiveness is with You, that we may fear You more.

Out of the depths I cry to You; in darkest places I will call.
Incline your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze. I stand redeemed by grace alone.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You. On your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, 'til my soul is satisfied.

So put your hope in God alone; take courage in His power to save.
Completely and forever won, by Christ's emerging from the grave.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You. On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, 'til my soul is satisfied.

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.

I wait my soul waits for the Lord; my hope is in His Word.
More than the watchman waits for dawn, my soul waits for the Lord.

God, the uncreated One, the Author of salvation,
Wrote the laws of space and time, and fashioned worlds to His design.
The One whom angel hosts revere hung the stars like chandelliers,
Numbered ev'ry grain of sand, knows the heart of ev'ry man.
He is King forever, He is King forever, He is King forevermore.

God, our fortress and our strength, the Rock on which we can depend;
Matchless in His majesty, His power and authority,
Unshaken by the schemes of man, never changing, Great I am.
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall, He is faithful through it all.
Crown Him King forever, crown Him King forever, crown Him King forevermore.

Mighty God in mortal flesh, forsaken by a traitor's kiss.
The curse of sin and centuries did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace.
Lifted high, the sinless man, crucified, the spotless Lamb,
Buried by the sons of man, rescued by the Father's hand,
To reign as King forever, reign as King forever, reign as king forevermore.

King eternal, God of grace, we crown You with the highest praise.
Heaven shouts and saints adore, You're holy, holy, holy Lord!
What joy in everlasting life, all is love and faith is sight.
Justice rolls and praises rise at the name of Jesus Christ.
King of kings forever, King of kings forever, King of kings forevermore.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:17-20

SERMON Christ's Exceeding Righteousness Rev. Chad Reynolds

HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness #520

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE And Can It Be That I Should Gain~S. Moyer