

DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

Your godly home and marriage (where the man as husband and the woman as wife become one flesh physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) will become a lighthouse that pierces the darkness and becomes a guiding beacon to the masses lost on the sea of twisted gender orientations and identities, meaningless and sinful sexual encounters, and marriages whose only goal is materialistic ascendency.

John P. Sartelle Sr.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 1, 2023

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. In Room 103 Infants/Toddler Nursery will be open at 10:30am. Room 100 is now available throughout the whole service for children 2–3 years old. The lesson won't start until the sermon begins. Jr. Church (4yrs to 2nd grade) does not meet on Communion Sundays.

Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (TRUST IN JESUS, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882; arr. Ralph Manuel)

PIANO TRIO

* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 93:1–3, 6, 7 (Pew Bible, p. 633)

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Pastor: For he is our God,

All: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* Hymn (Trinity #111) — This Is My Father's World (music next page)

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Of Marriage and Divorce (ch. 24.1, 2)

Marriage is a union between one man and one woman, designed of God to last so long as they both shall live.

Marriage is designed for the mutual help of husband and wife; for the safeguarding, undergirding, and development of their moral and spiritual character; for the propagation of children and the rearing of them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

* 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.

ELDER CHUCK HEIDEL

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testaments reading — Isaiah 62:1–5 (Pew Bible, p. 789)

- For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.
- The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

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- You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
 and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
 but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
 and your land Married;
 for the LORD delights in you,
 and your land shall be married.
- For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:1-5 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our neglect of your Great Commission, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our obsession with creating a life of convenience and pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, share the gospel message that has saved us, and do what you command through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PASTOR BARBER

Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8–10 (Pew Bible, p. 1301)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



Pou can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — A New Song (Psalm 33:3–5, 20–22; Craig Courtney)

Sing a new song, sing a new song. Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord a new, a new song.

For the word of the Lord is right and true and His work is done in faithfulness. The Lord loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord a new song, a new song.

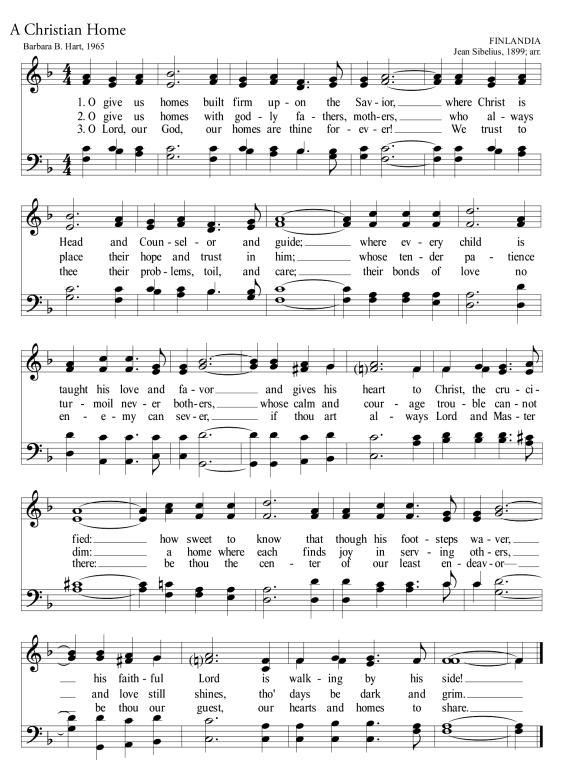
Our soul waits for the Lord, our help and our shield. For our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name.

May Your unfailing kindness be upon us, O Lord even as we put our hope in You. Amen.

* Hymn (Trinity #719) — A Christian Home (music next page)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100. Parents please pick up children after the service. There is no Junior Church (4yrs to 2nd grade) on Communion Sundays.

CHANCEL and **GRACE AND PEACE** Choirs



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GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

Design for Marriage — Genesis 2:18–25 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

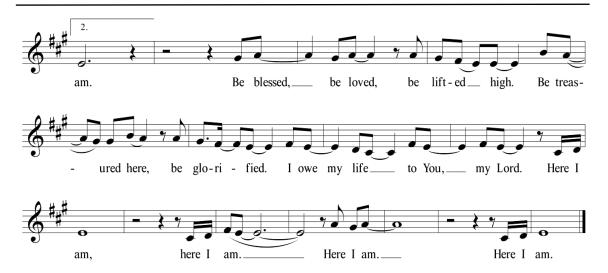
Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

MR. GUO



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WE COMMUNE WITH GOD IN THE LORD'S SUPPER AND WE SING

We offer both wine and grape juice during the Lord's Supper. Wine will be placed on the outer ring of the tray, and grape juice will be placed on the inner ring of the tray. Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (Passion Chorale, Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. Rob W. Ellis; adap. Higo Rodrigues)

PIANO TRIO

Song — The Wonderful Cross (music next pages)

The Deacons Offering

When we celebrate communion on the first Sunday of the month we also have a this special collection for the Deacons Fund. These funds are reserved exclusively for needs of mercy to all people, but especially to those in the family of believers. Our deacons disperse these funds as needed as a tangible expression of our communion in Christ and love for one another.

PASTOR BARBER

* GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP OVER FOOD — following Morning Service

GRACE AND PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm

* stand if able







OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ. We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP OVER FOOD—find Nathan Rose for contact info

GRACE AND PEACE CHOIR REHEARSAL—Tonight, 4-5PM

YOUTH GROUP—Tonight, 5-7PM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays, 9:15AM & 6:30PM - "True Woman" by Susan Hunt MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday mornings from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. Book of Job by Derek Thomas. Contact Pastor Post for more information

MOPS (moms of young children) & MOMSnext (moms of teens & younger)—these ministries have already started; registration is still open

COMMUNICANTS CLASS—Began today, October 1 - for students who want to explore the idea of becoming a communing member of the church. Contact pastor Caleb Evans if interested HARVEST PARTY—October 21, 5:30-8:00pm (Rain date: 11/4). See newsletter for info

SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Ellen Dykas: Harvest Ministries (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX COLLECTION—See newsletter for more information

Attendance and Financial Information for September 24, 2023

SS: 167 - AM: 261 - PM: 125

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 12,931.99
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 20,409.21
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$776,592.82
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$795,959.19
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$726,755.06



OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

CHURCH STAFF

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Agencies of the PCA

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary Mission to the World • Mission to North America • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

Other Christian Organizations

A Door of Hope • Greater Europe Mission - Mark and Marti Mylin (France)

Harvest USA - Ellen Dykas • Heritage Presbytery Church Planting - Will Stern (Hope Presbyterian Church)

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Greg and Sandy Baker (UD) • Love, INC. (In the Name of Christ)

Navigators - TJ and KyongA Hayes • Pioneers - Scott and Jessica Weber Reformed University Fellowship - Daryl Wattley (DSU)

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Serge (formerly World Harvest) - Josh and Kristi, Jason and Ai Keuh (Japan)

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