



LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



Sunday, January 6, 2019

Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Barry

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-5

*Gathering Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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Confession of Faith

Q. Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

-Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31

Confession of Sin

O Lord, have mercy on us, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant grace, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our rebellious heart, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, and You alone, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Adapted from Psalm 51*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-13

Invocation

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

For small children who need it, we invite you to the room designed for them at the rear of the older sanctuary.

***Those who are able please stand.**

Be Thou My Vision

Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Verse 4

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

***Reading of Scripture**

Luke 2:39-52

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ And when his parents^[a] saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him,

“Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature^[c] and in favor with God and man.

[There is no WOW (Children's Church) on those Sundays we celebrate the Lord's Supper]

Shepherding Prayer

Pastor Barry

Offertory

No Longer a Baby
Jan Sanborn, words by BJ Leech

Choir

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

One Greater than Solomon

Pastor Nathan

***Hymn of Preparation**

Praise Team

Nothing but The Blood

Robert Lowry

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*refrain*)

Verse 3
Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*refrain*)

Verse 4
This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*refrain*)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***Closing Hymn** *Amazing Grace* #402

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Glory**

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.

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Reverend Nathan Moretto

Reverend Dr. Barry Cureton

Mr. Ron Smith, Music Director

Mr. David Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Susan Smith, Choir Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered today. We are exhorted in Scripture to be reconciled one to another, in all humility, as we prepare to rejoice together in our reconciliation to the Father through Jesus Christ by one Spirit. Our Mercy Needs offering will be received today along with our general offering. Please designate your check accordingly.

The Elders welcome the opportunity to meet you, talk with you or pray for you after church. They will be stationed by the Communion Table following the service.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Questions

1. Why does Jesus and His parents perform the customs and rituals of the Law of Moses? What does this convey about Jesus' relationship to the Law?
2. What similarities are there between the scene of Jesus in the temple as a boy, and the scene of God in the Garden with Adam and Eve? What is the purpose of God's and Jesus' questions in these episodes?
3. How is Jesus the Greater Son of David and thus the Greater Solomon? What are some comparisons between the two?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Office

Many have already submitted their year end reports to the office. Thanks for your promptness. There are still a few outstanding, they need to be in the office by Wednesday, January 9th to be included.

2019 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2019 are in the back of the church. Please note that **ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED**. Do not use any old envelopes. Use of your envelopes assists the counters in the accuracy of their job. **If you have been doing online banking, you will need to alert your bank to your new number.** If you want physical envelopes and they aren't on the table in the back, please call the church office or Chris Bohmer at 410-795-4872. If you are a regular visitor and have been giving, you have envelopes assigned to you.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for sound system trainees. If you are interested, call the church office or see Joseph Kraus.

Upcoming Event

Missions Sunday - January 20th. Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. as Chris and Victoria Cox share how the Lord is working in their lives through their ministry in Cambodia.

Small Group

The Owings Mills/Reisterstown Small Group is meeting Friday, January 11th, 6PM at the Smith's home (307 Butler Rd, Reisterstown) for a chili dinner. Feel free to join us, but let Lynn know if you are coming and if you will be bringing a side, dip, chips, or desert

Women's Ministry

LADIES (of all ages), consider joining us!

ALL ARE WELCOME on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm as we read and study the book of Acts (sequel to the gospel of Luke). We are using a book in the Lifechange Bible Series as our guide.

Call Peggy Walker (410 493 8733) if you have any questions.

Ladies Sunday School Class

All ladies are invited to join in the study of Deuteronomy. It's not too late! More books can always be ordered.

Deuteronomy is a book about Israel's preparation for a new life. Hardship and the wilderness lie behind; the conquest of the promised land lies ahead. With the end of the Mosaic Age, it's time for a new commitment to God and a fresh understanding of the nature of the community of God's people. From the very beginning to the very end, it is God's Word to Moses and the people of Israel. Interested? Call or text Joyce Klein (410-365-4667) and let her know.

Thank You Note

Liberty Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for your willingness to buy gifts for the teenagers at the Children's Home in Catonsville. Each child received two to three gifts from us due to your generosity.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Gannon & Erin Tracht

Youth Group

Our Youth Directors are Phill and Kelly Thomas. Please contact them for more information at office@libertychurchpca.org or if you would like to be added to the email list to find out about Youth Group activities.

Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Block House.

Information about the Vega Hearing

*Steven & Becky Vega would like as many people as possible to come to the Custody Hearing for the Twins. The show of support can speak volumes to the judge. The hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 at Towson Court House** (401 Bosley Ave). Come early to find parking; much of which is street parking. Once in the building, you should be able to ask for room location of Vega Custody Hearing or call/text Donna at 443-280-0506. The room will not be assigned til that morning.*

*Let us know ahead of time if you plan to come...then we will know who to look for or text with a room number. We can also make names available if you wish to carpool with someone else.
(hancockclan87@gmail.com)*

Thank you all so much for your support and prayers!

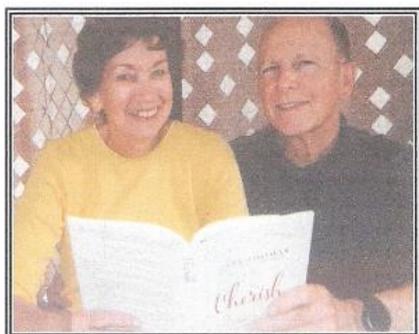
FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Wycliffe – Ron & Jane Metzger

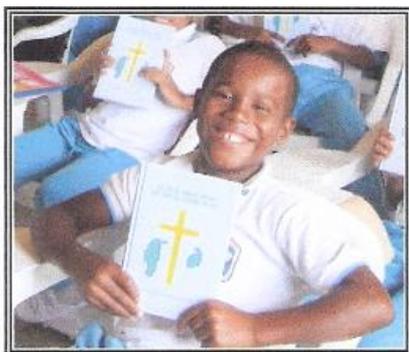
Ron Metzger has been working in Bible translation since 1965 in affiliation with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He and Lois, his first wife, with four children, translated the New Testament into the heart language of the Carapana, a people group in southeast Columbia, near the border with Brazil, where they lived, until 1999, when it became unsafe due to political unrest. Then they began work on the Western Caribbean English-based Creole Translation Project, in Belize. Lois “graduated to heaven” in 2006, but Ron continued on with his work, resulting in the *San Andres Islander Creole New Testament* in 2015. But Praise God, He provided Ron with his present wife, Jane, a long-time colleague of the Metzgers who had worked in the same areas, in 2017. So, she is able to help Ron in his present work, augmenting the work in both areas. He retired in 2016 but they both contribute as volunteers.

Please support them in prayer:

- For their continued work in translation in these two parts of the world, including plans to revisit the Carapana to encourage them and deliver
- New Testaments and School Dictionaries.
- For healing from recent heart procedures, including catheterization.
- For wisdom and grace for his children and grandchildren who are dealing with serious issues.



Ron & Jane Metzger



A Creole student who now has God's Word in his language, looks forward to also having a bilingual school dictionary for the first time!



A Sunday chapel service in one of the Carapana villages, S.W. Amazon River basin, Vaupés State, mainland Colombia



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am—10:30 am	VP
Coffee Fellowship	10:30 am– 10:45 am	FH
Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	SAN
Randallstown Small Group	12:15 pm	FH
Youth Group	6:30 pm—8:30 pm	BH

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Sykesville Small Group	7:00 pm	OC
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Men's Bible Study/Denny's (Isaiah)	6:00 am	OC
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm–7:00 pm	P
Stockade	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	LCS
Pioneer Girls	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	FH
Choir Practice	7:00 pm– 9:00 pm	SAN
Men's Bible Study (Acts)	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	P

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm– 8:30 pm	FH
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Owings Mills Small Group	7:30 pm	OC
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am– 10:30 am	VP
Coffee Fellowship	10:30 am - 10:45 am	FH
Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	SAN
Carroll Lutheran Village Service	3:00 pm—4:00 pm	OC
Youth Group	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	BH

FH-Fellowship Hall • P-Parlor • LCS-School • VP-Various Places

SAN-Sanctuary • OS-Old Sanctuary • OC- Off Campus • BH- Block House

SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

	January 6	January 13
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	Dianna Cote	Lisa Byrd
Combined Nursery 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Lisa Byrd, Hannah Watkins	Peggy Walker, Beth Harlan
Lock-up	Brian Moran, Don Wheatley	Chris Byrd, Tedd Tracy
Sound	Zach Dugan	Anthony Anderson
Greeters	Jeff & Cindy Watkins	Alan & Barbara Hunzeker
Usher Team Leader	Kurt Reiblich	

Adult Sunday School Classes		
<i>Hebrews (Continued)</i>	Charles Cate	Fellowship Hall
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>	Barry Cureton	Parlor
<i>The Life of Elijah</i>	Howard Hill	Fellowship Hall
<i>Ladies Class Deuteronomy</i>	Joyce Klein	Fellowship Hall



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019

After the worship service



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