



METROCREST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
And to whoever will come –

*This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God Calls Us To Worship

Responsive Call to Worship from Ps. 100:1-5

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Unison: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God!

Unison: It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Unison: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

Unison: His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men;
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

(Refrain)

You are the one that we praise!
You are the one we adore!
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. **(Refrain)**

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme

Raised from the Grave

Theme Verses

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD. Ez. 37:12-14

“Rock of Ages”

Trinity Hymnal #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism, Q+A 33-34

Leader: Why is Jesus called God's *only-begotten Son*, since we also are children of God?

Unison: **Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.**

Leader:

Why do you call Him *our Lord*?

Unison:

Because He has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.

“Be Still My Soul”

Trinity Hymnal #689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord;
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Unison:

God of Grace, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes, we condone what You condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

**Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Based on Eph. 2:4-5**

Leader: Hear the good news! God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace You have been saved.

Know that if you are a believer in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Trinity Hymnal #94, verses 1-4, 6

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word – Acts 9:32-43

Applying God's Word

Dr. Paul Fowler

“Peter's Outreach in Judea”

Sermons can be listened to, or downloaded, through our web site

We Respond To God's Grace

Investing In God's Work (continue in silent prayer)

Closing Song – **“On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand

And cast a wishful eye

To Canaan's fair and happy land,

Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains

Shines one eternal day.

There God the Son forever reigns,

And scatters night away.

(Refrain)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for Promised Land.

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more. **(Refrain)**

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? **(Refrain)**

We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

Benediction

Postlude and Meditation

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Sermon Text: Acts 9:32-43

³² Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. ³⁴ Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. ³⁵ And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. ³⁷ And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us." ³⁹ So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

Sermon Title: Peter's Outreach in Judea

I. Outreach in Lydda [Lod], in Judea

II. Outreach in Joppa [Jaffa], in Judea

Living the Metrocrest Vision – Announcements for the Week

Our Mission: *In dependence on Christ, we worship God the Father, grow in the grace of His Son, and serve our community and the world in the power of His Spirit.*

To do this, we strive as a community to **Worship, Walk, and Work** together.

Opportunities for Worship

- **June 14, 2020:** Join us as Elder Bill Camp preaches on Acts 10:1-48.
- **Life Change** for the month of June will support MPC's youth ministry.
- **Youth Ministry:** Tonight, *The Gathering*, our large group meeting for all middle and high school youth, meets from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the church.
- **Tabletalk Devotions** are available free of charge to aid in your personal, daily worship of God. If you'd like a copy mailed to you, please contact Laura at the church office.

Opportunities to Walk and Work together

- **Women's Ministry:** On **Tuesdays from 10-11 AM**, there will be a **Ladies' Prayer Time** hosted by Gwen Sterenberg via Zoom. Enjoy some coffee and a time to pray with other ladies from the church all in the comfort of your own home. More details and the Zoom meeting invitation are available via Realm, or you may contact the church office for details.
- **Care Groups** are still meeting throughout the week and month. Please reach out to your care group leader for more details.
- **Men's Book Study:** Our book study has adjourned for the summer. Stay tuned for details about our next group that will be starting in the fall!
- **Women's Ministry:** The women's ministry is organizing a church wide gift for Karen Raquet in appreciation for all her years of dedicated service to this body. Please take a card off the table in the lobby and write her a note. If you would like to contribute a card or gift item, please bring it to church by June 14th. We will take the gift basket to her after church that day.
- **Staff Search Committee:** Please be in prayer for our staff search committee, and that God will bring the right candidate to our church.

Coming Soon

- **Women's Ministry:** Join us this summer as we study the book of Ephesians virtually with all of the ladies in the PCA. For information on signing up and on purchasing a study book, please go to <https://pcacdm.org/hbs/> or to Realm.
- **CCA:** On **Wednesday, June 17th from 5:30 -7:30**, we have the opportunity to serve CCA's drive-thru pantry. We need four volunteers that would be willing to load groceries into cars. For additional details, please contact Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205).

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you have a prayer request that you'd like to share, please click [here](#).

Investing in God's Work:

Last Week's Offering:	\$ 9,876	Projected Giving to Date:	\$ 376,165
May Total Giving:	\$ 30,660	Actual Giving to Date:	\$ 364,884

Difference to date + or - (- \$11,281)

In order to fund our annual operating budget goal of \$407,508, our monthly giving should meet or exceed \$33,959, which comes to about \$7,837 per week. Our budget fiscal year is July 2019 - June 2020.



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