

# THE HAVEN



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church,  
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*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet  
and He brought them to their desired haven.*

*Psalm 107:30*

The Lord's Day,  
September 15, 2019  
A Service of Covenant Renewal  
4:30 p.m.

# Welcome

† **A warm welcome to our visitors:** If this is your first visit, please sign the guest register at the welcome table in the foyer. Your name and contact information will be kept strictly confidential, and used only for personal contact with you and your family. Please also accept our *Welcome Pack* for first time guests. Learn more about The Haven, OPC and why we want you to come back and be part of this growing community of people learning about Jesus Christ as the Great Haven. Also, join us in the gymnasium for Haven Food and Fellowship after this afternoon's worship service.

† **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

**4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach**

**6:00 p.m. Open Forum & Haven Updates** Today: *We begin working together on our stewardship plan to present to our presbytery Missions Committee and to the OPCF Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.*

**6:20 p.m.** The Haven Food and Fellowship in the gymnasium.

† **Nursery** is available during worship for children ages 2 and under. Please speak to one of the greeters if you wish to use the nursery for your child. If you'd like to volunteer for nursery duty, e mail Margaret Shishko: [mamashish123@gmail.com](mailto:mamashish123@gmail.com)

† The concept of "**covenant renewal**" is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: "*The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom.*"

† **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** every Sunday as the climax of our covenant renewal worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite to the Table those who have received Christian baptism, have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a church in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully taught and practiced. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us you are publicly acknowledging that you are seeking to walk in godliness before the Lord. If you have any questions about whether you should partake of the Supper, please speak to the pastor either before or after the service.

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**Worship/Outreach**  
**The Lord's Day — Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
**Worship 4:30 PM**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 17:1-15**

**THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US**

**Salutation:**

*Pastor:* Congregation of the People of God: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

*People:* Amen!

**+Call to Worship:** Hebrews 12:18-24

Pastor: You have not come to what may be touched - a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and tempest.

*People:* *And the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.*

Pastor: For they could not endure the order that was given: "If even a beast touches the mountain it shall be stoned."

*People:* *Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear".*

Pastor: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God - the heavenly Jerusalem.

*People:* *And to innumerable angels in festal gathering; and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.*

Pastor: And to God, the Judge of all; and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.

*People:* *And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.*

*All:* And to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**+ Opening Psalm:** *From Psalm 33, TPH*

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*Learn the tune:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpMCE1G3N7Q>

## ***With Joy Let Us Sing to the Lord***

***(From Psalm 33 – Tune of “Let All Things Now Living”)***

With joy let us sing to the Lord all you righteous,  
For fitting it is that the upright give praise.  
And skillfully praise him with harp and with lyre,  
Make music to God – a new song to him raise.  
For upright and true is the word God has spoken,  
The works of the Lord his great faithfulness prove.  
And he loves true righteousness, justice, and judgment,  
The ends of the earth show the Lord’s steadfast love.

The Lord brings to nothing the plans of the nations,  
He frustrates their counsel and makes their schemes fall.  
But all that that Lord in his heart has intended,  
The plans he has made will forever prevail.  
The nation the Lord has embraced is most blessed,  
When he is acknowledged to be God alone.  
The people he claims - his inherited portion,  
The ones he has chosen and calls as his own.

Behold the Lord’s eye is upon all who trust him,  
Who hope in his love, and in awe him revere.  
They trust that from death he will rescue and save them,  
And keep them all living when famine comes near.  
The Lord we await is our help and protection,  
Our heart is glad, trusting in his holy name.  
O Lord let your covenant love be upon us,  
As we hold to you and the hope that we claim.

### **†Greeting**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you!*

*People: And also with you!*

*Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

*People: Who made heaven and earth!*

### **†Opening Prayer**

*People: Amen!*

## **THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSES US**

Meditation on The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes

Confession of Sin (*kneeling if able*) - Begin with personal confession before God.

**Corporate Confession:** *Our perfectly satisfying God. Forgive us when we are too full of ourselves. We think we are rich when, apart from you and your grace, we have ultimate poverty. We think we are wise when, apart from the work of your Spirit, we are utterly foolish. We think we are righteous when you tell us that all of our righteous deeds apart from Christ are like a polluted garment. We bankrupt ourselves when we invest our faith in anything or anyone apart from you. Forgive us for thinking we are rich with our self-made, earthly kingdoms which will surely fail; and grant us the true poverty of spirit that is the mark of those who possess the Kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **†Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 3:7-11**

*People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!*

### **†Our response of Praise: "Before the Throne of God Above"**

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LULK2nZ6sCc>

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## *Before the Throne of God Above*

Stanza 1:

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong a perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Stanza 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Stanza 3:

Behold him there, the risen Lamb; my perfect spotless righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM. The King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased with his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God.  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Stanza 4:

I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine.  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed, to make me righteous in God's eyes.  
The river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood.  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious  
love.  
And poured on me His glorious love.

Repeat:

The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious  
love.  
And poured on me His glorious love.

## **THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US**

### **OLD COVENANT READING: GENESIS 1:18A**

“And the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone...”

### **NEW COVENANT READING: ACTS 2:36-47**

**36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Pastor: *The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our God will stand forever!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **#Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

Pastor: *Christians, what do you believe, and in whom do you trust?*

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**#We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:**  
**Psalm 29A "Now Unto the Lord, All You Sons of the Mighty"**

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## ***Now unto the Lord, All You Sons of the Mighty***

***(From Psalm 29A – Willow Grove tune)***

Now unto the Lord, all you sons of the mighty,  
All glory and strength and dominion accord;  
Ascribe to him glory, and render him honor.

In beauty of holiness, worship the Lord!  
In beauty of holiness, worship the Lord!

The voice of the Lord is above all the waters;  
In thunder the God of all glory draws nigh.  
Lo, over the waves of the billowing waters  
The Lord is enthroned in his glory on high!  
The Lord is enthroned in his glory on high!

The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the Lord shakes the deserts of earth.

The Lord shakes the desert, the desert of Kadesh ("Kay'-desh),

The voice of the Lord makes the deer to give birth!

The voice of the Lord strips the forests of earth!

And all in his temple, in worship cry "Glory!"

The Lord rules the flood and his reign shall ne'er cease.

O may the Lord strengthen his people forever.

O may the Lord bless all his people with peace!

The Lord blesses all of his people with peace!

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*Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*

**People: Amen!**

**Sermon: "Community: It's Not Good for a Person to be Alone"**

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached*

**People: Amen!**

### **Worship through Tithes and Offerings**

**†Pastoral Prayer** (followed by the Lord's Prayer with hands raised)

*All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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!*

### **The Lord Our God Communes With Us**

Meditation; Lord's Supper Celebration

(Heads of households, please come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**People: Amen!**

**Closing Hymn of Celebration: "Christian Hearts in Love United"** (Turn to Next Page)

Tune of: Austrian Hymn - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

### **The Lord Our God Commissions Us**

**†[Hands Raised] Pastor:** Benediction

**People: Amen!**

*Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name!*

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**PSALM TO LEARN: "THE LORD IS MY REFUGE" (PSALM 11B, TPH)**

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## Christian Hearts in Love United



1. Chris - tian hearts in love u - nit - ed, search to know God's ho - ly will.
2. Grant, Lord, that with your di - rec - tion "Love each oth - er" we com - plly.
3. Come, then, liv - ing church of Je - sus, cov - e - nant with him a - new.



Let his love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.  
Help us live in true af - fec-tion, your love to ex - em - pli - fy.  
Un - to him who con - quered for us may we pledge our ser - vice true.



Christ the head, and we his mem - bers—we re - flect the light he is.  
Let our mu - tual love be glow - ing bright - ly so that all may view  
May our lives re - flect the bright - ness of God's love in Je - sus shown.



Christ the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples—he is ours and we are his.  
that we, as on one stem grow - ing, liv - ing branch - es are in you.  
To the world we then bear wit - ness: we be - long to God a - lone.



## Announcements

† **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to a couple of inmates who are regular listeners to *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*. Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur F. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458

† **The Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** We'll ordinarily meet on the first Sunday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Brewer's (66 East 2d St., Deer Park) Our first meeting of the new school year is Sunday, October 6. Pizza, singing, and discussion. We'll start the conversation about gender issues and sexuality. What does the Word of God say? Invite your friends to join us!

† **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip) usually on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. This is a time to build our repertoire of "Haven Hymns. Our next *Sing!* meeting, though, will be on Wednesday, October 9. Send hymns you'd like to sing at these meetings to Pastor Bill at WShishko@gmail.com and Mary Vaeth at maryscoop714@gmail.com). For these meetings we continue to learn new Psalms and Hymns from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal, and doctrinally rich contemporary hymns as well. Come to be enriched in the Word!

† **"A Visit to the Pastor's Study,"** the weekly radio program hosted by Pastor Bill Shishko is broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays on WBWD, 540 AM. You can also listen to the podcasts on sermonaudio.com (Search *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*) or visitthepastorsstudy.org Upcoming Programs for September - Education Month:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Guest</u>
September 21:	Rerun: Financial Planning	Fran Caraco
September 28:	Foster Parenting, pt. 2	Pastor Drew Eenigenburg

† **Haven Food and Fellowship:** This is a way for you to show hospitality following our worship each Lord's Day. See our administrative assistant, Mary Vaeth and give her some dates that you can provide refreshments and be host and hostess for this outreach.

† **Today's Sermon** will be available by tomorrow evening on sermonaudio.com at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC*) You'll also be able to access the sermon from our own website www.thehavenli.com

† **Your Tithes and Offerings:** Make your checks payable to "The Haven, OPC" Your gifts provide so that we can pay our weekly rent and other ministry expenses.

## The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about The Haven, OPC  
and its ministry

*Question: I notice that you put a lot of emphasis on singing the Old Testament Psalms. Why? And aren't some of these Psalms out of place in this New Testament period?*

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 3):

Some time back I read with great fascination the chapter "Christ's Reading" in the rich volume by Mark Jones *Knowing Christ*. It made a powerful impact on me that Jesus Christ's "textbook" by which he grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man, cf. Lk. 2:40,52 was what we know as "the Old Testament". And because the Old Testament is about Jesus Christ and His Kingdom to come, cf. Lk. 24:27, Jesus was learning about himself - especially His sufferings and the glory that would follow, cf. I Pet. 1:10f. - as He read from Genesis to Malachi (although the books had a different order than in our Bibles) in the original languages of Hebrew and Aramaic.

But it would have been the Psalms in particular that Jesus would have read, meditated on, and sung for his years of preparation for his public ministry, and for the 3 1/2 years of that ministry - culminating in the cross, the resurrection, and his ascension to glory to reign with all authority in heaven and on earth. While the Psalms were written by various writers, e.g. David, Moses, Asaph, they are all ultimately about Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, cf. Lk. 24:44. Those in union with Jesus Christ by grace through faith can (and should) read the Psalms drawing out applications for themselves; but they should never forget that the Psalms (like every other part of the Old Testament) point us to Jesus.

It will transform your view of both reading and singing the Psalms if you think, first of all, of how the Psalm is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Some examples:

- In Psalm 1, Jesus is the One (and the only one!) who perfectly delighted in the law of the Lord and who perfectly avoided walking in the counsel of the wicked. He is the perfectly blessed man, vss. 1-3.
- In Psalm 2, Jesus is the One about whom the Father says, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you" (speaking of Christ's resurrection), vs. 7, cf. Heb. 1:5. Jesus now reigns from Zion., i.e. heaven, as the King who is being given the nations as His inheritance, vss. 6-8.
- In Psalm 110 (the most frequently quoted Psalm in the New Testament), it is the Lord Jesus who sits at the right hand of His father, and who will reign until all of his enemies are made a footstool for his feet", vs. 1, cf. Heb. 1:13.
- In Psalm 119 (which uses all seven of the Old Testament terms for the Word of God), Jesus, "The Word made flesh" is the only One who was truly blameless, vs. 1 and who perfectly kept His way pure by guarding it according to (God's) word, vs. 9. In that Psalm, and in all the others that speak of the sufferings of God's people think first of those sufferings as part and parcel of Christ, the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, eg. Psalm. 119:23, 70, 161, etc.

So always think of Christ first as you read, meditate on, and sing the Psalms. They are first of all about Him and His Kingdom. That will transform your view of singing the Psalms!

BUT: What about the Psalms that include confession of sin? Jesus never sinned! And what about the Psalms of God's painful judgments? We'll consider those things next week.

**My Notes on Today's Sermon:**

***"Community: It's Not Good for a Person to be Alone"***

## Psalm 11B

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my ref - uge, how then can you say,  
 2. <sup>3</sup>"When e - vil pre - vails, they foun - da - tions re - move;  
 3. <sup>5</sup>The LORD looks on man with his all - search-ing eyes;  
 4. <sup>6</sup>The LORD will send judg - ment and pour out hot coals;

"O flee like a bird to your moun - tain a - way.  
 O what then, O what then, can righ - teous men do?"  
 his eye - lids ob - serve, and their con - duct he tries.  
 o'er all the un - god - ly his scorch - ing wind rolls.

<sup>2</sup>The god - less take aim with their bow and their dart,  
<sup>4</sup>Be sure that the LORD in his tem - ple on high,  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD tests the righ - teous who walk in his ways;  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD, ev - er righ - teous, his jus - tice por - trays;

like sni - pers they shoot at the up - right in heart.  
 in heav - en en - throned, o - ver men casts his eye.  
 his soul hates the wick - ed, who ter - ror em - brace.  
 by grace all the up - right will look on his face.

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