

## Prayers for Those Not Communing

Hanover Valley Church welcomes all baptized Christians – those who are trusting in Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel – to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You Proclaim. Amen.*

### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead as proof of your power to conquer sin and death, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

### Prayer of Commitment

*Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.*

# Welcome

to

Hanover

Valley

Presbyterian

Church

We're glad that you're with us and we hope you'll find joyful worship that engages the heart and mind, genuine friendships, and a caring atmosphere. Feel free to take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you or if you need anything today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Please take a moment to fill out the tear off slip on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

This bulletin contains all you'll need to follow the service. Just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads, standing as indicated on the next page and continue as indicated by the asterisk (\*).

We invite you to stay for an informal refreshment time after the service — a great time to meet new friends.

Children are welcome in the service, but if you'd prefer, quality child care is provided for infants through kindergarten age throughout the service. Please speak to one of the ushers for locations.

As a courtesy to those around you, we ask that you please mute cell phones during the worship time.

# Sunday Morning Worship

January 1, 2012

10:00 A.M.

## Prelude

### \*Gathering Song

*We Fall Down*

We fall down and lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,  
the greatness of Your Mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,  
and we cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb.

(Repeat)

## Welcome & Announcements

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted your news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### Private Confession

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The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

Psalm 147:2-3, 5

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## \*Songs of Assurance

### Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

**Chorus:** My chains are gone. I've been set free;  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures

### Chorus (Repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbid to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,  
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

### O Worship the King

O worship the king all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the  
storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless might! ineffable love! While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

### As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

**Chorus:** You alone are my strength, my shield: to You alone does my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

### Chorus

## Prayers of the People

## Offering & Special Music

## Scripture

Philippians 3:1-16, page 832 Chair Bible

## Sermon

**We Love by Losing**

Reverend Dave Kieffer

## \*Song of Reflection

*Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

**Chorus:** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side  
to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

**Chorus**

## Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers provided on page 10 as a guide.

**Note About the Supper:** Wine is used. However, the outer ring of the tray contains non-alcoholic grape juice.  
Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

## The Lord's Supper

## \*Benediction

## \*Parting Song of Praise

*Lamb of God (Refrain)*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

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## Worship Musicians

Jess Adams — **Piano**

Meg Abbott, Angela Brewer, and Teresa Summer — **Praise Team**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

Parenting Seminar  
Congregational Luncheon & Meeting  
Serving Lunch at the Shelter

### February

Officer Training begins  
Ladies' Tea

*Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.*

*Psalm 86:1*

### **God's Amazing Grace**

- Thank God for the community kids that attended the Christmas party.
- Thank God for the amazing healing that Bruce Schwarz is experiencing.
- Thank God that He has provided the most generous expression of His love for us by giving us His Son as our redeemer.

### **Kingdom Perspective**

- Pray for Dave and Esther Miller as they continue to proclaim the beauty of the gospel to Chileans. Pray for them as they are home visiting friends and family and sharing the stories of hard work, perseverance and new understanding.
- Pray for Disciple Maker ministries to be able to engage students on college campuses in conversations that lead to an understanding and faith in Jesus. Ask God to show them the students that He is drawing to Himself.
- Pray that the global church would be marked by true repentance, faith, evangelism and discipleship.

### **Hanover Valley Steps of Faith**

- Pray for the grieving families and friends of the five students who died in the car accident on 12/5.
- Pray that the Hanover community would take the opportunity to worship God together on Christmas Eve. Pray that all the churches would be unified in their endeavor to proclaim the arrival of the Messiah.
- Pray for those who will struggle with depression and anxiety that is caused by loneliness and the holiday season.
- Pray for many families to come to Jesus this Christmas season.
- Pray that we might lovingly embrace and encourage in Christ everyone who walks into our midst and that we might go out, as Jesus sent out His disciples, with great boldness in our faith.

### **Health-Related Struggles**

**Ethel Eaton** (Warren Sullenger's grandmother) – injured her back in a fall; **Adele** (Anne Scott's mother) – needs her health to be stabilized so that her family can care for her. Pray for wisdom in the decisions that will be made and for the family to be united; **Laura Dzbynski's father** – his heart is not working to its full capacity; **Lydia Dzbynski** – as the family tries to understand a partial loss of hearing; **Bruce Schwarz** – will be returning to work in January; **Annie Laure Woappi** – To be able to rest, find confidence, and deeply experience the love of our Father. She is deeply saddened by the loss of her father; **Paul, Debbie, and the Trask Family** – They need our prayer and friendship. Life on this earth is hard as Paul is continually affected by ALS. Ask God to show us how to encourage and care for them. Pray for sleep, caregivers, time together as a family, comfort for Paul, and steadfastness in this long journey. Pray for continued increase in the benefits that he receives as the disease progresses. He also needs to learn a new computer system; **Brent Pohl** (friend of Dave and Marty Kieffer) – He has an *urgent need* for a kidney transplant. JHU is screening possible donors; **Tina Doss** (friend of Michelle O'Connor) – has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and she is a single mother of three school-age children; Pray for **Daniel Abbott** and his new baby daughter (Schwarz/Abbott family) – his 22 year-old wife died suddenly; **Father of Stephanie Brown** – in need of a kidney donor; **Amy** (friend of Deb Stapf) – diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer; **Haidyn** (friend of Shannan Nakielny) – Pray for a decrease in seizures, more complete diagnosis, and a successful treatment plan; **Butch** – He has been moved to York Hospital. Please continue to pray for healing of his lungs and check with Bob Casper for an update.

### **Military**

*Thank God for the men and women who work hard and sacrifice much to defend our country.*

**Please pray for our military people who are far from home for the holidays.**

**Pray that they would be greatly encouraged and know of the Father's deep love for them.**

**Stateside:** Alec Speights, Steve Astrin, David Casper, Jonathan Hempfing, and John Highfill.

**Overseas:** Jeremiah Harrity — USAF (Italy) and Alston Schwarz — returns on 12/11.

*To update prayer requests, contact Susan Schwarz at 637-7696 or [yakingfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:yakingfamily@hotmail.com).*

# Hanover Valley Bulletin Board

**Parking During the Worship Service:** *We're glad you've come this morning. We have prioritized our parking lot next to our building for guests, but there are a variety of locations less than a block away. Maps are on the table in the Great Room pointing out various locations nearby where you may be able to park on Sundays, as you come for worship. All public metered parking is free on Sundays.*

**Kids Under Construction:** *This is an active and age-appropriate learning time for children from four years old through high school. Child care is also provided during this time for younger children.*

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*** *Our children's ministry and Adult workshops are taking a brief break through the Christmas season, but will resume with classes for all ages beginning on January 8, 2012.*

**Christianity Through History:** *God's plan in the Bible is to reach the whole world, every nook and cranny. Everything is His by right - every people group, every generation, every last inch. As with Abraham, God starts working personally to transform the individual, but his end game is to heal the whole world. This course will go beyond personal implications, and focus on the Gospel's corporate implications as evidenced in the church, and in the gospel's effect on institutions and cultures throughout history. This class will **START** on **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.***

**Raising Awareness:** *Dane and Destiny Arnold (son and daughter of Melody and Dave) are completing a graduation project that involves raising awareness and resources for homelessness in Hanover. If you would like to know more about this or would like to assist them, please contact the Arnold family directly at 633-1048.*

# Growth Groups

*No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. Each of us needs a place to develop genuine friendships, to ask honest questions, and to discover the implications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along the spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church.*

*Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to those not yet involved. Brochures on the value and format of Growth Groups are available in the Great Room.*

<b>Bob Anderson</b>	<b>637-7788</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Colby Brewer</b>	<b>632-9807</b>	<b>Alternate Thursdays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Drew Derreth</b>	<b>630-9510</b>	<b>Alternate Fridays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Doug Hempfing</b>	<b>235-0197</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Bruce Schwarz</b>	<b>637-7696</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Paul Trask</b>	<b>632-2115</b>	<b>Alternate Fridays</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>

*In addition to these Growth Groups, there are student meetings on every other Thursday. This group is led by Amanda Cooper, Mark & Meggan Smith, and Andrea Hempfing. We also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.*