



HANOVER VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 29, 2024**

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**Pastor Drew Derreth  
Promises Promises**

# WELCOME TO HANOVER VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our purpose is to become an **authentic** community that knows **Christ** and makes His **grace** and **truth** known with such power and glory that lives are **transformed** by the **gospel**, multiplying worship and praise to God throughout **Hanover** and the world.

Welcome. We're glad that you're with us. We hope you'll find joyful worship that engages both your heart and mind, as well as genuine friendship and a caring atmosphere. Please take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you in any way today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to stay in the service, but if you prefer, quality childcare is provided throughout the service for children from infants to kindergarten aged. Please speak to one of our ushers for locations.

This bulletin will guide you through the service - just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads. (Moments when you should stand are noted).

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

# REFLECTIONS

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*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;  
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and  
offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*

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Why do we call grace amazing? Grace is amazing because it works against the grain of common sense. Hard-nosed common sense will tell you that you are too wrong to meet the standards of a holy God; pardoning grace tells you that it's all right in spite of so much in you that is wrong. Realistic common sense tells you that you are too weak, too harassed, too human to change for the better; grace gives you power to send you on the way to being a better person. Plain common sense may tell you that you are caught in a rut of fate or futility; grace promises that you can trust God to have a better tomorrow for you than the day you have made for yourself.

Lewis Smedes

How Can It Be All Right When Everything Is All Wrong?  
...what greater rebellion against God, what greater wickedness, what greater contempt for God is there than not believing His promise? For what is this but to make God a liar or to doubt that he is truthful?—that is to ascribe truthfulness to one's self but lying and vanity to God?

Martin Luther  
On Christian Liberty

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 29th, 2024

Prelude

## Call to Worship

### Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

#### Almighty, Most Holy God

**Chorus:** Almighty, most Holy God; faithful through the ages.  
Almighty, most Holy Lord, glorious Almighty God.

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air  
Are silent to call out Your name.  
The earth has no voice and I have no choice  
But to magnify God unashamed.  
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day,  
Let the whole world sing out, let the people say: **Chorus**

Well, time marches on with innocence gone,  
And a darkness has covered the earth.  
But his spirit still dwells, he speaks, it is well,  
And the hopeless still offered new birth.  
He will break the leash of death, it will have no sting.  
Let the prisoner go free, join the dance and sing: **Chorus**

#### Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save You  
Full of pity, joined with power  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing, doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary, heavy-laden  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry 'til you're better  
You will never come at all  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call

Lo! Th'Incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him, venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
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## You're the Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain,  
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign.  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim  
You will gather the nations before you.

And the eyes of all men will be fixed  
On the Lamb who was crucified,  
With wisdom and mercy and justice  
You'll reign at Your Father's side.

**Chorus:** And the angels will cry "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r."  
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign  
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords."

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side;  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied,  
'Cause the Father has told us, for these You have died,  
For the nations who gather before You.

And the ears of all men need to hear  
Of the Lamb who was crucified,  
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up  
To reign at His Father's side. **Chorus**

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Dear Father of mercy, you have proven yourself throughout the ages to be a God of deep compassion, steadfast patience and innumerable graces. You have revealed yourself to be a savior, a redeemer, a healer, and a restorer who takes the initiative to come after us, because you desire to possess us. It is with this in mind that we approach your throne. We seek your forgiveness and grace. We have failed you once again, dear Father. We have been consumed with our own affairs, with our own agendas, with our own ambitions rather than consumed by you. While pursuing these things we have injured others and ourselves. We are selfish beyond our understanding. We unconsciously live enslaved to our passions and they kill us slowly. O Father, save us. By faith in Christ, we ask that we might experience, in a renewed way, the freedom and joy of redemption. Saturate our souls with the memory of the sacrifice and work of your Son. Convince us of the power of your gospel that our courage and confidence in you may be large. Teach us that any power to change stems from the cross of Christ. Let the love and justice you show us there encourage us to draw nearer to you and to live lives of holiness, compassion and mercy to those around us. We believe, Lord, but help our unbelief. This we pray in the name of our great Redeemer, Christ. Amen.

## Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart. The LORD has taken away your punishment, The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. - *Zephaniah 3: 14-17*

### Song of Assurance Fairest Lord Jesus

(Please Stand)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of man;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor;  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

## 5 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

## Announcements & Prayers of the People

### Special Music & Offering

#### Scripture

Genesis 13

#### Sermon

Promises Promises

#### Song of Reflection Behold Our God

(Please Stand)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

**Chorus:** Behold Our God, seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Chorus**

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! **Chorus**

### Benediction

#### Parting Song of Praise As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield.  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire

# SCRIPTURE

## Genesis 13

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So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. 3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord. 5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." 10 Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord. 14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." 18 So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.



# NOTES

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# COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

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## **Parking on Sundays**

We're glad you're here today! There is a map available on our website ([www.hanovervalley.org](http://www.hanovervalley.org)), highlighting available local parking. There's plenty and it's all less than a block away. There is also a parking lot, especially for guests, next to our building outside the Railroad Street Entrance. All public, metered, on-street parking is free on Sundays.

## **Live Stream & Bulletin Instructions**

You can access the livestream from the front page of [hanovervalley.org](http://hanovervalley.org) or through [youtube.com/user/HanoverValley](https://youtube.com/user/HanoverValley). If you would like to access the weekly bulletin electronically, you can do so through the member area of our website. To access the bulletin, login to the website (after registering for free using your email), click the drop down menu in the upper right hand corner and select 'Weekly Bulletin' to download and view the most recent bulletin.

## **Sunday Morning Childcare**

We have childcare for children up to the age of four during our 10:00am worship service. The nursery has recently been renovated to provide more space and will be cleaned thoroughly each week.

## **Catechism Class**

Starting on September 15th, we will offer a class discussing the Westminster Shorter Catechism from 9:00-9:45am. This class is taught by Noah and is open to all students 3 years of age to 5th grade.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

You are invited! The ladies bible study is starting up again on Saturday, September 28th. Group will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, from 10am to 11:30am at the church. We will be studying, "Becoming a Woman of Grace" by Cynthia Heald. The sign up sheet is in Great room and by the kitchen.

## **Adult Workshop**

As the fall takes root, we will be offering a two week adult workshop each other before we get to close to the holiday. The session and pastors will teach and the format will be very practical and discussion oriented. Each workshop begins at 9 am in the Dock Room. We hope you'll take part. If you have any questions contact Pastor Derreth.

September 22 & 29 - The Gospel & Politics

October 20 & 27 - Women's Roles

November 17 & 24 - Building Cultural Bridges

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## **Prayer Gathering**

We are meeting on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of every month @ **6:30 pm** at the church following safe social distancing. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Gary Harrity for more information at (717) 630-2771.

## **Kids Group**

Kids Group will restart Sunday August 18th from 6:00-7:30pm. This group is for 1st-5th grade students and is currently coordinated by Ellis Lankford. Please see Ellis or Noah with questions!

## **Camping Trip: October 11-October 13**

Join us on a church camping trip at Caledonia State Park Group Camp Sites this fall! Come for a hike Saturday or stay for the whole weekend! There will be a Potluck Dinner Saturday Evening to share. Otherwise bring your tent, sleeping bags, and food for the weekend, and we will enjoy some time around the fire together! Cost is \$5 per person to help cover the site reservation fees. Contact Noah or Coop if you have any questions or need to borrow some camping gear for the weekend.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

It's time again to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. A shoe box filled with items that children around the world would love, is the bridge that local pastors use to reach families with the light of the gospel. We have provided shoe boxes located in the hallway by the kitchen, that you can use to provide this precious gift. The national collection week will be November 18-24. There will be pamphlets that will help you know how to fill the box and what not to use. I hope you will take the time to enjoy this activity that could change a child's life.

## **Mercy Ministry**

The Mercy Ministry has been blessed with opportunities to help many people this year. The needs of the community have been growing more recently, and with that the Mercy Ministry's funds have greatly decreased. We ask that you pray and consider donating to the Mercy Ministry in the next few weeks, as the winter months bring more challenges. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sarah Trask at [office@hanovervalley.org](mailto:office@hanovervalley.org) or 443-277-0110. Thank you!

# PRAYERS

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## Prayer Requests:

We (Susan and Chuck Boal) are thrilled to announce the birth of our grandson, Zane David, born on Sept 12th to David and Nadya Boal. He also joins big brother, Nyle.

Please continue to pray for God's provision for the Brewer family. God heard and answered prayers; Angela is cancer free! Pray for continued healing and that her adrenal insufficiency would stabilize quickly. Praise God that Colby has found a job!

Pray that Andrew Hauser will continue to remain clear of any rejection of his new organs and for safety as he travels to and from Pittsburgh for his tests. Pray that we would recognize God's hand in our lives and the lives around us.

Please pray for healing for Debbie's back and legs and for direction with the decisions she and Steve need to make.

Pray for the friend of the Cross family, as she heals from a kidney transplant; that her recover quickly.

Please pray for Kenzi Stapf's friend Ksenia, who lost her boyfriend of four years to a tragic vehicle accident. We ask that you also keep his family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Ann Kerrison, a friend of Debbie Stapf, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Pray for Ann and her family as they navigate this challenging time, both physically and emotionally. Please pray for the doctors in their discernment of her treatment.

. We want to share your concerns and praises. If you have something to include here please contact Sarah Trask;

# GROWTH GROUPS



No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. We all need a place to develop genuine friendships, ask honest questions, and discover the applications 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 their 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 all.



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## VIRTUAL GIVING

We are so grateful for the many ways everyone supports Hanover Valley! While we do collect offerings on Sunday morning, we also have online giving with options for automatic weekly or monthly donations. The QR code to the right makes it easier to get to our website giving page.



# MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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## Adult Workshops

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# VISITOR INFORMATION

If you're a guest, please let us know you were with us today by completing the form below. We'll add you to our mailing list so you can receive church information and updates. You can also use the space below to share any questions, ideas or prayer concerns you may have.

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NAME:

DATE:

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SPOUSE & CHILDREN:

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MAILING ADDRESS:

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EMAIL:

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PHONE:

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I AM A:     FIRST-TIME GUEST     RETURN GUEST

OUT OF TOWN GUEST     REGULAR ATTENDEE

TELL ME MORE ABOUT:     GROWTH GROUPS

CHILD CARE     PASTORAL VISITS     HOSPITALITY

MUSIC MINISTRY     SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER

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