

# THEHAVEN



**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  
July 21, 2019  
A Service of Covenant Renewal  
4:30 p.m.**

## Welcome

✝ **A warm welcome to our visitors:** If this is your first visit, we invite you to 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, please join us in the gymnasium for Haven Food and Fellowship after this afternoon's worship service and Open Forum.

✝ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach

6:00 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, speak with Margaret Shishko.

✝ 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."*

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**Worship/Outreach**  
**The Lord's Day — Sunday, July 21, 2019**  
**Worship 4:30 PM**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 9:1-20**

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF CHURCH MEMBERS**

**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: Psalm 67:1-7

*Pastor:* May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us. .

*People: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

*Pastor:* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

*Pastor:* Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you!

*People: The earth has yielded its increase. God, our God, shall bless us!*

*All:* God shall bless us, that all the ends of the earth may fear him!

† Opening hymn: "Come, People of the Risen King"

*Listen:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJsizuCKq9k>

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## COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

### Stanza 1

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him;  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

### Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice.  
One heart! One voice!  
O Church of Christ: Rejoice!

### Stanza 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun;  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come those who tell of battles won;  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days,  
With the certain hope of peace.  
(Chorus)

### Stanza 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come those with full or empty hands;  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing;  
Shore to shore we hear them call.  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
Our God is all in all!  
(Chorus 2X)

## †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 CLEANSSES US

Meditation on the Sixth Commandment of the Law of God

Confession of Sin (*kneeling if able*)

*(Use this time for your own personal confession of sin).*

**Corporate Confession:** *Our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise you that you have made us in your image. We praise you that it is you who have made us, and not we ourselves. Forgive us for all of the ways we have disrespected that image in the way we have treated others, and in the ways we have too often treated ourselves. And forgive us when we make idols of ourselves or others and by those idols replace you as the true and living God. Continue, we pray, to re-make us in the image of the God-man, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**†Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-7**

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**†Our response of praise: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

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# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and Music  
STUART TOWNE

$\text{♩} = 60$  G Am G/B C2 G/B Em D2

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

G Am G/B C2 G/B D G

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

Am G/B C G/B Em D

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

G Am G/B C2 G/B Em D Gmaj7

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

### New Covenant Reading 1: Matthew 28:16-20

16. Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### New Covenant Reading 2: Acts 2:29-41

29 Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,  
'Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

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 3000 souls.

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 Apostles' Creed - Sung**

*(Listen to one stanza of the tune we use)*

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

**Hymn: "The Apostles' Creed"**

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## *The Apostles' Creed*

(Tune of "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" - Ripley)

I believe in God the Father,  
Maker of the heav'n and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ our Savior,  
God's own son of matchless worth.  
By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
Virgin Mary bore God's Son,  
He in whom I have believed,  
God Almighty Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Crucified, enduring hell;  
Laid within the grave so silent,  
As the prophets did foretell.  
But the stone-sealed tomb was emptied -  
On the third day he arose.  
Into heaven made his entry;  
Mighty Conqueror of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated,  
'til his coming as he said.  
Final judgment will be meted  
To the living and the dead.  
I confess the Holy Spirit  
Has been sent through Christ the Son  
To apply salvation's merit;  
God the Spirit Three in One.

I believe the church of Jesus  
Holy, catholic remains .  
We are one through all the ages,  
The communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven,  
That our bodies will be raised.  
Life with God is never ended.  
Amen, let his name be praised!

**Pastor:** *Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*

**People: Amen!**

**Sermon:** *“Baptism: God’s Engagement Ring”*

**PASTOR:** *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!**

Closing Hymn of Petition: *“Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”*

Learn the tune: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vu\\_nSVxmNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vu_nSVxmNo)

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The Lord Our God Commissions Us

†[Hands Raised] Benediction

**People: Amen!**

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**SONG OF THE MONTH: “ I ASKED THE LORD THAT I MIGHT GROW”**

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Learn the Tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffmYLSEXCOQ>

## *Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy*

(Tune: Neumark)

Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
I claim a place though weak and lowly,  
Among your seed, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin;  
Your spirit e'er shall live within.

My loving Father, me you've taken,  
For e'er to be your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, me you've given  
Your righteous, holy life to share.  
O, Holy Spirit, you will be  
A comfort, guide, and help to me.

And I have vowed to fear and love you,  
And to obey you, Lord alone.  
Because the Holy Spirit moved me,  
I dared to pledge myself your own.  
Renouncing sin to keep the faith,  
And war with evil unto death.

My faithful God, your word fails never;  
Your cov'nant surely will abide.  
Oh, cast me not away forever,  
Should I transgress it on my side.  
Though I have oft my soul defiled,  
In love forgive – restore your child.

Yes, all I am and love most dearly  
I offer now, O Lord, to you.  
Oh, let me make my vow sincerely,  
And what I say, help me to do.  
Let naught within me, naught I own,  
Serve any will, but yours alone.

And never let my purpose falter,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
But keep me faithful to your altar,  
Til you shall call me from my post.  
So unto you I live and die,  
And praise you evermore on high.

## 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 #1281623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458

✦ **The Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** We're taking a break for the summer, but we'll resume our meetings in September. Just don't take a summer break from being a young adult disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ!

✦ **"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](http://sermonaudio.com) (Search *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*) or [visitthepastorsstudy.org](http://visitthepastorsstudy.org) July Programs on "Ministry Month":

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
July 06/07	Ministry to Men: More Than Rehab	Pastor Jack Roberts
July 13/14	Ministry to Refugees	Naghmeh Panahi
July 20/21	Ministry in a Secular Age	Dr. Alan Noble
July 27/29	Open Forum	Pastor Sam Chung

✦ **July - September 1: Extended Time of Haven Food and Fellowship:** Once our worship time has concluded, we'll merge our Open Forum and Young Disciples class into an extended time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall (and, weather permitting, outside). But we need your help to provide special summer treats to eat. Speak with Tami Toto for advice regarding what to bring, and sign up to provide the refreshments for at least one Sunday this summer.

✦ **Today's Sermon** will be available by tomorrow evening on [sermonaudio.com](http://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](http://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: How can we be so sure that the Bible is the Word of God, when there are so many other holy books that claim to be God's Words?*

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 1):

This is an important question, because the very first vow for membership in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is *"Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?"* This commitment was the primary reason the OPC came into existence in 1936, and it remains the hallmark of the OPC's doctrinal commitments: The Bible IS the Word of God, and it - and it alone - is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

But how do we know the Bible is the Word of God? Ultimately, that conviction only comes as the Holy Spirit works that faith in our hearts (I Cor. 2:9,10). But that's true of everything we believe that comes from God! The Holy Spirit must open our hearts and teach us because, by nature, we are dead in trespasses and sins, and we suppress the truth in our own unrighteousness, cf. Eph. 2:1, Rom. 1:18)

However, when the Holy Spirit opens our hearts by the power of God's grace, we see the Bible as we never saw it before:

- We're struck with the fact that over 2000 times in the Old Testament alone, i.e. the 39 books written between about 1425 and 425 years before Christ was born and that point us forward to His coming, we read *"Thus says the Lord..."*
- The New Testament confirms what we call the "inspiration" of the Old Testament when the apostle Paul says, *"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God (literally, "God breathed out") and is profitable...that the man of God might be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work"* (II Timothy 3:16,17)<sup>1</sup>. And the apostle Peter says that the Scriptures did not come by the will of man, *"but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"* (II Peter 1:21)
- Jesus Himself frequently described his life and ministry as *"to fulfill what the Lord had spoken..."*, eg. Matthew 1:22f, 2:15, 17, etc.
- Jesus clearly taught that the Old Testament words came from God himself, e.g. Matthew 19:4,5.

And the Bible (unlike other "holy books") shows itself to be the Word of God. We'll look at that next week.

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<sup>1</sup> This verse teaches the "sufficiency of Scripture" as well as its God-breathed out character.

## *I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow*

(Gift of Love tune, #597 Red TH)

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and ev'ry grace;  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face.

Twas he who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer;  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair.

I hope that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request;  
And by His love's constraining power,  
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I'd schemed  
Blasted my gourds and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried  
"Wilt thou pursue Thy worm to death?"  
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set you free;  
And break your schemes of earthly joy,  
That you may seek your all in Me."

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

***BAPTISM: GOD'S ENGAGEMENT RING***