

THE HAVEN



A

Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church,
33 Bayshore Rd.,
Deer Park, NY 11729
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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
August 04, 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 & Fellowship after this afternoon's worship service.

✦ **Our Sunday Schedule:**

4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach. Guest Minister: Pastor Ben Miller, Trinity Church, Syosset

6:00 p.m. The Haven Food & 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.

✦✦ 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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✦ The Haven is a home mission work of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York, Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). For more information on the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: www.opc.org

Pastoral Needs: Pastor Shishko is away for the month of August. In his absence contact Pastor Meint Ploegman for any pastoral needs: MRPloegman@aol.com or: (631) 218-1583

Worship/Outreach

The Lord's Day — Sunday, August 04, 2019

Worship 4:30 PM

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 11:1-7

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 100*

***Pastor:* Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!**

***People:* Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing.**

***Pastor:* Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and not we ourselves!**

***People:* We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

***Pastor:* Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

***People:* Give thanks to him! Bless his name!**

***Pastor:* For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

***People:* And his truth endures to all generations!**

† Opening hymn: "*Come, People of the Risen King*"
Keith and Kristyn Getty, 2001; Music by Stuart Townsend,

C C/E F C/E F C/E G F C C/E

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in.
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G 1.2.

joyce! Re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

24 C C Dm G Gsus C 3.

joyce!

2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joyce!
 3. Come,

†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 Seventh Commandment

Confession of Sin (*kneeling if able*)

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

Corporate Confession: *Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to You that, by nature, we are fallen people; and we are full of sin and transgression in our thoughts our words, and our deeds. We do not fully believe Your Word, nor do we perfectly follow Your holy commandments. More than anything else, we need your mercy. For Your name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive our iniquity, which is great. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

†Assurance of Pardon: **Romans 8:1-4**

People: Thanks be to God!

†Our response of praise and thanks: *"In Christ Alone"* (turn to next page)

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 60

VERSE

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, — my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ — in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of
-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of
-turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

stand,
live.
Christ.
stand!

THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

Old Covenant Reading: Isaiah 57:15-21

15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16 For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry, for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.

17 Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. 18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, 19 creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

New Covenant Readings:

James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Romans 9:30 - 10:4

30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness[did not succeed in reaching that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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: *“Speak O Lord”* (next page)

Speak O Lord

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

F/A G/B C²

F

C

F

C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You ____ to re - ceive the food ____ of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ____ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ____ true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; - Help us grasp the heights - of Your

4 Am

G/B

F/A G/B C²

F

C



ho - ly word. - Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; - Shape and
- mil - i - ty. - Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes - in the
plans for us. - Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, - that will

7

F

C/E

F

G

C

C/E

G

G/F

C/E



fash - ion us ____ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance ____ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down - through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10

G^{SUS}/F G⁹/F C²/E

G G/F C/E

Am

G^{SUS} G

F/A G/B C²



seen ____ to - day ____ in our acts of love and our deeds of ____ faith. - Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes ____ to see ____ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. - Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ____ us. - Speak, O Lord, till Your

14

F

C

F

C/E

F

G^{SUS}

G

C



-fill in us ____ all Your pur - pos - es, ____ for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; - Let their truth pre - vail ____ o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built - and the earth is filled - with Your glo - ry.

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Prayer for Illumination
People: Amen!

Sermon: "DAMNED BY RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Prayer for Blessing on the Word 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: "Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"

(Psalm 150C, Trinity Psalter Hymnal)

(turn to next page)

THE LORD OUR GOD COMMISSIONS US

†[Hands Raised] Benediction

People: Amen!

150C

Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!



1. ¹Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his
 2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! ³O praise him with the
 3. ⁵With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

sa - cred courts! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him
 trum - pet sound! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with
 praise a - loud! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ⁶Let all that

in his heav'n - ly height! ²Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
 lute and harp and strings, ⁴with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine!
 breathes now praise the LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

O praise him! O praise him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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. And Jenny Jiang, who was with us in July (and is now beginning her PhD studies in Switzerland) would enjoy hearing from you: Jenny Jiang, % The Blums, Rebhaide 3, 8623 Wetzikon 8623 Switzerland. (Be sure to use international postage: \$1.00 - or three Forever Stamps [which are of full value only for domestic mail.])

+ **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!

+ **Pastor Bill and Margaret** will be on vacation for the month of August. For any pastoral matters while Pastor Bill is away, contact Pastor Meint Ploegman: MRPloegman@aol.com or (631) 218-1565.

+ **"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 (Reruns: Best of VTPS):

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
August 04:	God's Voice and Sexuality
August 11:	Can I be a Gay Christian?
August 18:	Ministry to Refugees
August 25:	Ministry in a Secular Age
September 1:	Foster Parenting

+ **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.

+ **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.

+ **Many thanks:** To Pastor Ben Miller for serving as our guest minister today. Also many thanks to Jessica Innes who filled in for Mary Vaeth as our accompanist for this afternoon's worship service.

Best Of: The Haven Heart to Heart

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

Question: *Why do you meet at 4:30 p.m?*

Pastor Bill responds:

There's a number of reasons why:

First, because we don't want to interfere with the worship times of other Presbyterian and Reformed churches that are ministering on Long Island. We want to work in cooperation with, and not in competition with other churches of like faith and practice in our area.

Second, because the facility of Ascension Lutheran Church is available to us at this time. And we are deeply grateful to ALC for allowing us to rent from them for our Sunday meetings of The Haven, OPC.

Finally, because we think there are a lot of advantages to worship at this time on the Lord's Day:

1. The Lord's Day is sometimes called (and rightly called) "The Christian Sabbath". While it's a day set apart as "The Market Day of the Soul", i.e. as a day in which we turn as much as possible from our regular weekly employments and give attention to eternal concerns, it's also a day of rest. And busy Long Islanders are in special need of a day of rest. Enjoy a little more time to rest in the morning!

2. With this schedule, you can also use your mornings for reading the Word of God, praying, and listening to or reading other things that feed your soul. In our rushed Mondays through Saturdays we have little time to stop and give attention to the God in whom we live and move and have your very being. We want your Sundays to be a spiritual haven, so take the added time to fellowship with our Great Haven, Jesus Christ (and also with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit!).

3. Enjoy a relaxed family lunch. Make your Lord's Day Sabbath meal time a little haven, too, as you eat with family and friends - remembering that, for Christians, every meal is meant to be a foretaste of our feasts in glory. Suggestion: Have people come to your home for lunch, and then bring them with you to our 4:30 p.m. service at The Haven, OPC. Offer others both physical food and spiritual food.

4. For parents with young children, this is an ideal time to gather. The children are done with their naps, so they'll be rested for worship and for the instruction they'll receive with The Haven Young Disciples meeting (AKA: Sunday School or Bible School) from 5:45 - 6:15. Then they enjoy Haven Hearty soups, and you can get home at an early hour - in time for a recap of the day and lights out early for everyone.

My Sermon Notes:

A Modern Writer on the Lord's Supper:

Frequent eating and drinking at the Lord's Table will inoculate the church against the Gnosticism of modern Christianity (not to mention trendy spiritualisms) that would reduce religion to private, inner, purely "spiritual" experience.

A church whose central rite includes baked goods is being trained in proper dominion over creation and will refuse resurgent nature worship in both its religious and political guises.

A church that celebrates a feast of wine is being formed into a joyful community that contests the equation of Christian seriousness with prudishness.

A church that celebrates a common meal is bound into one body and will resist the corrosive individualism of modern culture that has too often invaded the church.

A church that shares bread at the Lord's Table is learning the virtues of generosity and humility.

A church that proclaims the Lord's sacrificial death in the supper is exercising itself in self-sacrifice and becoming immune to the lure of self-fulfillment.

(This is not automatic), but, in the context of biblical teaching and a robust community life, the virtues practiced at the Lord's Table will spill over to fill the whole church with a eucharistic ethos.

(Peter Leithart, slightly edited, from "The Way Things Really Ought to Be", p. 176)