



HANOVER VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 8, 2020**

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Good News for Skeptics  
Pastor Drew Derreth

# 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.

**For your neighbor and yourself, please be kind. Keep your mask on your face and your spacing in mind.**

# 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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*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; when there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood and to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

— a prayer attributed to St. Francis

*Believers should acknowledge and wrestle with doubts—not only their own but their friends' and neighbors'. It is no longer sufficient to hold beliefs just because you inherited them. Only if you struggle long and hard with objections to your faith will you be able to provide grounds for your beliefs to skeptics, including yourself, that are plausible rather than ridiculous or offensive. And, just as important for our current situation, such a process will lead you, even after you come to a position of strong faith, to respect and understand those who doubt.*

- Tim Keller

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## November 8th, 2020

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

### Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

#### Soul on Fire

**Chorus:** God, I'm running for Your heart,  
I'm running for Your heart, 'til I am a soul on fire.  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways,  
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire.  
'Til I am a soul on fire **(Repeat)**

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.  
In this darkness, lead me through. Until all I see is You. **Chorus**

**Bridge:** Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.  
And Lord, let me burn for You again. And let me return to You again.

**Chorus 2:** God, I'm running for Your heart,  
I'm running for Your heart, 'til I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways,  
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire  
God I'm running for Your heart,  
I'm running for Your heart, 'til I am a soul on fire  
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'til I am a soul on fire **Chorus Bridge**

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of all grace, we are weak and forgetful people, easily distracted by the joys and sorrows of our lives. We are capable of great thoughts concerning you one moment, yet we forget your kindness, grace, and sacrifice and live as though we had no hope the next. Forgive us, Father, for the unbelief that clings to us and clouds our minds with doubt and fear. Though we may be quick to forget you and need to be reminded often, you never forget us. Holy Spirit, make Jesus our greatest hope and all our glory. Help us to hold fast to the gospel, we have believed: to cherish it in our weakness and to profess its power when we stand strong. Deepen our faith and help us to love you and our neighbor with the love of Jesus because of his love demonstrated for us in his death and resurrection. Amen.

### Private Confession

## Words of Encouragement

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son.

Galatians 4: 4-6

## Announcements & Prayers of the People

### Covenant Baptism

### Special Music

### Scripture

Judges 6: 36- Judges 7 :7 (Please see pages 10 for printed scripture.)

### Sermon

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### Song of Reflection

#### Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Source of purest pleasure, truest Friend to me.  
Long my heart hath panted,  
'Til it well-nigh fainted, thirsting after Thee.  
Thine I am O, spotless Lamb. I will suffer naught to hide thee,  
Ask for naught beside thee, ask for naught beside thee.

In Thy strength I rest me,  
If Thy arms protect me, who can reach me here?  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Every heart be quaking, God dispels our fear.  
Sin and hell and conflict fell, with their heaviest storms assail us.  
Jesus will not fail us, Jesus will not fail us.

Banished is our sadness  
For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather, still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in Thee lies purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure, Jesus, priceless treasure.  
Yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in Thee lies purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure, Jesus, priceless treasure.

# Benediction

## Parting Song of Praise

### I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

#### WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Jessi Adams - piano, vocals

Soul on Fire words and music by Brenton Brown | David Carr | Mac Powell | Mark Lee | Matt Maher | Tai Anderson

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<b>Financial Giving Report</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>January-October Income</b>	<b>\$185,729.33</b>	<b>\$237,839.79</b>
<b>January-October Expense</b>	<b>\$206,309.73</b>	<b>\$238,980.98</b>
<b>January-October Total</b>	<b>-\$20,580.40</b>	<b>-\$1,141.19</b>

### How can you donate to Hanover Valley ?

- Mail a check to us at 133 Carlisle St Hanover, PA 17331
- Online giving using giving on our website
- From your checking account using the online Bill Pay option.
- Use Give+ application from your I-phone or Android device.
- Use the offering baskets at our Livestream Service

If you have any questions about the online giving program here at Hanover Valley, please contact Gary Harrity (717) 650-8773 or Russ Vriezen (443) 280-1117

# COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

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## Youth Group

The youth group has resumed meeting in person! We are meeting in various locations this summer, so please contact Noah Trask if you are not currently on the email list and would like to be added. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm**. Contact Noah Trask (717) 634-6284 for more details.

## No Youth Group on November 11th

## Youth Lock In

**November 13th-14th** we'll be having a lock in at the church. This will be a great evening of games, food, and fun! The plan will be to meet at the church at **6:30pm on Friday evening (13th)** and then stay up all night until 7:30am the next morning. This is a great event to bring friends to! Please bring \$5 for pizza and a snack and drink to share! Contact Noah Trask for more information.

## 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.

## Offering

We appreciate your gifts! Please give, as you exit the service, in the designated baskets at each of the doors in the sanctuary.

## Prayer Group

We are meeting on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month @ 7:00 pm** at the church following safe social distancing. We would love to have you join us!

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## **Virus Response Update**

Please visit our website [hanovervalley.org](http://hanovervalley.org) to stay up to date on church cancellations and updates. We want you to stay connected with one another through various media for encouragement and prayer. Pastor Drew will be sending **weekly emails on Fridays** with the latest information. Please be sure to send your email address to [office@hanovervalley.org](mailto:office@hanovervalley.org) if you wish to be included.

## **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 view or download the bulletin, please visit [hanovervalley.org](http://hanovervalley.org) and click on the link to the live stream on the front page of the website. Scroll half-way down the page and you will have the option to download the full bulletin or simply view the order of service below the live stream video. A link to this page will also be included in the information section below the live stream on youtube.

## **Live Stream and Public Worship**

In addition to engaging the livestream from your own home, we also offer two more options available during this pandemic crisis:

1. Small groups are available to meet in homes to worship together. If this option suits your situation best we encourage you to contact one of the growth group leaders or the church office to see if a group gathering is occurring and how you might best be prepared to be a part.
2. The church building will be available for anyone to be present while the live stream is being produced. This option will involve wearing masks during the service and being careful to space ourselves to prevent infection.

Our desire is to do our best to love and care for each other and our community by looking out for each other's needs over our own, by providing safe and healthy locations for our neighbors and friends to explore the love of Christ.



# NOTES

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# GROWTH GROUPS

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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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BREAKFAST



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4TH SUN AT 12:00PM

In addition to these Growth Groups, we also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.

# SCRIPTURE

## Judges 6:36- Judges 7:7

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**6** 36 Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised--37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said." 38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew--a bowlful of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew." 40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

**7** 1 Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. 2 The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, 3 announce now to the people, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will sift them for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

5 So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink." 6 Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

7 The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place."

# NOTES

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# PRAYERS

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Please pray for:

Please pray for God's healing, protection and provision as Jordan Eyster continues to seek treatment for a blood clot behind his eye.

Marilyn Hartl, step-mother of Loyce Gay, fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. Please pray that her treatment and healing go smoothly.

Bob Anderson is recovering from tendon transplant surgery. He has several more weeks of recovery, which includes mild exercises, followed by physical therapy.

Praise God that Kathy Olka is recovering well from recently knee surgery and earlier back surgery. Pray that her pain would lessen and that her mobility would improve. She is using a walker and would like to be able to just use a cane or nothing.

Bob Warrington had cancerous polyps removed. He will not have chemo. He will be watched closely. Please pray that his test results will soon be clear and that he will look to God for his mercy. Continue to ask for wisdom for Christina & Michael as to how to support Bob.

Covid-19 We need treatments, cures, vaccines, and healing. We need wisdom as to the best way to navigate this difficult time. We need to love one another through this, with respect, by praying and reaching out as you feel led.

Please contact Lynn Kirkpatrick to have items included on the prayer page.  
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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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I AM A:     FIRST-TIME GUEST     RETURN GUEST

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TELL ME MORE ABOUT:     GROWTH GROUPS

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