



HANOVER VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**April 25, 2021**

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Describing the Kingdom of God  
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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*Make us a community of healed healers; make us a retuned orchestra to play the Kingdom-music until the world takes up the song. Make us, in turn, Servants of the Lord, the few with the message for the many.*

*--N. T. Wright  
The Lord & His Prayer*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 25th, 2021

Prelude

## Call to Worship

### Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

#### 10,000 Reasons

**Chorus:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing with the evening comes **Chorus**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **Chorus**

And on that day, when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
ten thousand years and then forevermore! **Chorus**

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father in heaven, you have brought your kingdom into the world through Jesus. Your kingdom has begun to spread its healing reign into our lives and into our world. We have begun to taste of your goodness. Yet there is much that remains broken in our lives and in our world. You have told us to live in the hope of your kingdom, continuing its spread. Yet we have often lost hope. Forgive our weakness and failure to trust you and for often settling for the mediocre kingdoms of this world: power, fame, money, pleasure. Teach us to trust in your grace. Teach us to live in your hope. Teach us to serve out of your power and forgiveness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Private Confession

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# Words of Encouragement

The Lord builds up His people; he gathers the outcasts. 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

## Announcements & Prayers of the People

### Special Music

### Scripture

Mark 4: 21-34 (Please see page 6 for printed scripture.)

### Sermon

Describing The Kingdom of God

## Song of Reflection

### Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. **(Repeat)**

**Chorus:** Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil! **Chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. **Chorus**

# Benediction

## Parting Song of Praise

### Cornerstone (Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

**WORSHIP MUSICIANS**  
Jessi Adams - piano, vocals

# SCRIPTURE

## Mark 4: 21-34

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21 He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more. 25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. 34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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# COMMUNITY<sup>R</sup> & CHURCH LIFE

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## **Youth Group**

The youth group has resumed meeting in person! 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.

## **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.

## **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! Please contact Gary Harrity for more information at (717) 630-2771.

## **Sunday Morning Childcare**

We have resumed 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.

## **Offering**

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

# COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

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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.

# PRAYERS

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I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Eph. 3: 16-18

Please pray for:

The Moores family (friends of Nakielny & Lynn families) and the medical staff that is treating Sophia. Pray that God would continue to do his will through Sophia's doctors. That her surgeons would figure how to manage her wound so that she needs less dressing changes. Pray that Sophia has no new infections. And for the medical staff to discover a way to manage issues that go wrong in the middle of night with delicacy. The Moores family currently has various needs, so if anyone is able to help please contact Andrea Lynn 443-277-9593 or Shannan Nakielny 717-818-7147 for more information.

Covid 19: Thank God! Vaccines are being distributed. Recently cases and deaths have decreased. Continue to ask that we navigate this with wisdom, respect, and love. Pray for healing of those who have Covid.

We need our connections during this time that we are not all gathering together. We want to share your concerns and praises. If you have something to include here please contact Lynn Kirkpatrick;  
call or text 717-451-3028 or email [lakirkpatrick58@gmail.com](mailto:lakirkpatrick58@gmail.com)  
Nothing is included here without express permission.

# 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.



**THOMAS WEDEKING**  
(859) 533-6189  
1st & 3rd WED AT 6:30 PM  
IN YORK



**COLBY BREWER**  
(717) 965-4252  
EVERY OTHER WED  
AT 6:30 PM



**ELLIOTT ROSSELET**  
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2nd & 4th MON  
AT 6:30 PM



**BRUCE SCHWARZ**  
(717) 357-0973  
1ST & 3RD THURS.  
AT 6:30 PM



**SEAMAS WHITESEL**  
(717) 434-0822  
SATURDAYS 9:30AM  
BREAKFAST



**MARK SMITH**  
(717) 512-7222  
2ND FRI AT 6:30PM  
4TH SUN AT 12:00PM

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

# MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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## **Adult Workshops**

Earl Crown  
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## **Building Maintenance**

Steve Stapf  
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## **Office Administrator & Bulletin**

Andrea Lynn  
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## **Child Care**

Sarah Gonzalez  
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## **Children's Ministry**

Susan Schwarz  
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## **Community Engagement**

Patty Hegberg  
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## **Finance Secretary**

Russ Vriezen  
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## **Kids Fest**

Noah Trask  
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## **OWLS Seniors Ministry**

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## **Praise Team**

Jessi Adams  
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## **Sound & Media**

Jimmy Lynn  
(443) 277-9592

## **Sunday Operations & Hospitality**

Ema Hegberg  
(717)668-1703

## **Youth Ministry**

Noah Trask  
(717) 634-6284

## **Session Members**

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### **Colby Brewer**

(717) 965-4252

### **Gary Harrity (Elder Emeritus)**

(717) 630-2771

### **Drew Derreth**

(717) 630-9510

### **Andy Phillips (Advisor)**

(717) 968-1893

### **Bruce Schwarz**

(717) 357-0973

# 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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