

DECEMBER 31, 2023

**THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD STANDS FOREVER!**

The Prelude *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* arr. H. Helvey

The Call to Worship Rev. Dean Williams

The Psalm of Praise No. 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)*
Stanzas 1-4, 6 and 7

The Invocation Rev. Williams

The Hymn No. 598 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.) Charles Aaron Beck

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Confession of Faith (11:00 a.m.) The Heidelberg Catechism, #27-28

Pastor: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Pastor and People: Providence is the almighty and everywhere present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Pastor: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

Pastor and People: That we may be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and that in all things which may hereafter befall us, we may place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing will separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

The Offering *What Shall We Sing for the Child in the Manger*
arr. H. Helvey

What shall we sing for the Child in the manger? What shall we sing for the infant so fair? Singing, we offer our humble devotion; gently a song will make sweeter the air.

Children in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.

The Song *He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path, for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast; till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. *Chorus (2x)*

Ada Haberson, Matt Merker © 2013 Getty Music Publishing CCLI 600485

The Intercessory Prayer (11:00 a.m.) Ruling Elder Rob Waltzer

The Scripture Reading *II Kings 6:24-7:20*
Page 312

The Sermon Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Goodness of God in Desperate Times

The Hymn of Response No. 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

The Benediction Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. G. Martin

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of our parents, Billy and Pat White's 50th wedding anniversary, by their children and grandchildren with love.

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Dean Williams.

Joint Resolutions

II John 1:4-6

WELCOME VISITORS!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Word of God and the people of God will be an encouragement to you today.



- Scan the QR code to fill out our online information form.
- Visit our website to learn more about us: pearorchard.org.
- Make use of our Nursery for your children under 2. Our cry room, located in the Parlor south of the Sanctuary, is also available.
- Attend one of our Sunday School classes, 10:00-10:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. See the monitors for locations.
- We have a thriving disability ministry (Sonbeams) that is here to serve all individuals and families touched by disability.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Congratulations to Sam and Tori Thoman** on the birth of their daughter, Carolina Jenni Thoman. Carolina was born Sunday, December 24, 2023.
- **We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:** This morning we witness the sign and seal of God's covenant promises placed upon the child of a believing parents: Charles Beck, son of Joshua and Emmie Beck.
- **Lord's Supper Next Sunday Morning:** Please prepare your heart this week for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, in obedience to I Corinthians 11:27-28. Examine yourself regarding your knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of your faith to feed upon Him, and of your repentance, love, and new obedience (Westminster Shorter Catechism #97).
- **Monthly Prayer for Missions:** Next Sunday from 5:00-5:45 p.m., join us in the Parlor to pray for our missionaries, church planters, ministry partners, and the progress of the gospel around the world.
- **Sonbeams Night Out:** Join us for a Luau Night on Friday, January 5th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Gym. Team Access come at 5:00 p.m. for set up and pizza. All volunteers meet at the Gym at 5:55 p.m.
- **Team Access Training:** Sunday, January 7th from 12:15-1:45 p.m. in Cafeteria for lunch and training. Please come join us as we continue to learn how to serve our Sonbeams friends.

- Please join us for a welcome reception for Bobby and Kaylee Epps as Bobby begins to serve as our new Youth Director. This will take place in the Cafeteria following the evening worship service on January 7th.
- **Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2024:** At the Session meeting last month, the elders approved John Neiswinger and Andy Rowan to stand for election by the congregation for the office of Elder, and Garrett McMullin and Steve Tackitt for the office of Deacon. The congregational meeting to elect officers will be held during the Sunday School hour on January 28, 2024.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check out the lost and found cabinets in the foyer for any items you may be missing. All items left after January 1 will be donated or purged.

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit our website: pearorchard.org
- Make regular use of our church mobile app: **Ministry One**
 - Info on its many uses: pearorchard.org/church-directory
- Follow us on social media.
 - [Facebook.com/pearorchardPCA](https://www.facebook.com/pearorchardPCA)
 - [Instagram.com/pearorchard](https://www.instagram.com/pearorchard)
 - [Twitter.com/pearorchard](https://twitter.com/pearorchard)
- Every Friday you can read our weekly email update, delivered straight to your inbox.
 - Email Liz at ltaylor@pearorchard.org if you do not receive it.
- Ask for prayer: pray@pearorchard.org

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 1.1 Church offices closed for New Year's
- 1.5 Sonbeams Night Out - 6:30-9:00 p.m. - Gym
- 1.7 Team Access Training - 12:00-1:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
- 1.24 Wednesday Night Ministries Begin
- 1.28 Congregational Meeting - 10:00-10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary

Ministers: The People of God Rev. Caleb Cangelosi - Senior Pastor Rev. Carl Kalberkamp, Jr. - Associate Pastor of Congregational Care Rev. Dean Williams - Associate Pastor of Missions and Outreach	
Earl Adams - Congregational Care Assistant Megan Adcock - Children's Ministry Coordinator Ashley Benton - Youth Ministry Coordinator Daphne Clark - Sonbeams Director Susie Cook - Organist Becca Davis - Music Ministry Intern Tony Edwards - Maintenance Technician Rick Goodwin - Business Administrator Howard Graylin - Sound Team Leader Margaret Harvey - Church Hostess Tammie Haynes - Women's Ministry Director Cathy Haynie - CCS Head of School Patsy Holeman - Financial Administrator	Jan Johnson - Nursery Coordinator John Kwasny - Executive Ministry Director Edwin Lewis - Facilities Maintenance Director Chris Payne - Maintenance Technician Marcus Smith - Youth Ministry Intern Seija Smith - Youth Ministry Intern Margaret Sprow - Music Director Steve Tackitt - Maintenance Technician Liz Taylor - Media Communication Manager Madison Taylor - Worship Team Leader Sam Thoman - Interim Youth Ministry Director Anna Vinson - Administrative Assistant

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ro Taylor
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), Delta State

RUF campus ministers strive to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life. Please pray that Ro and his team might rest and prepare well for the upcoming Spring semester. Pray that the Lord will provide the resources they've been asking for so that they might start off well from a budgetary standpoint.