



**SHADY
GROVE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023

Household of God Sunday

**“Magnifying Jesus Christ by ministering His gospel to
ourselves, our community and around the world”**

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Welcome to Shady Grove Presbyterian Church!
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Our Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:45am, in person and broadcast live on YouTube

No Sunday Evening Cornerstone Youth Group Tonight!

Late Morning Prayer (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00-11:30 on Zoom

NO Thursday evening Cornerstone Bible Study, 7:00pm-8:45pm

Dates to Remember

2/17-19 Cornerstone High School Winter Retreat



See updates and details on our website (<https://shadygrovepca.org/>),
Facebook page ([ShadyGrovePCA](https://www.facebook.com/ShadyGrovePCA)), and Instagram ([ShadyGrovePCA](https://www.instagram.com/ShadyGrovePCA)).
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Announcements & Events

 **Shady Grove Adults**
Undecorating Day!

Christmas decorations are beautiful.... until they're not. Please join us on Thursday, **January 5**, at 7:00pm to dismantle the festive décor at church.

Year-End Giving

Checks received by mail must be post marked on or before December 31 to count as a donation in 2022. Also, checks and cash placed in the drop slot outside of the church office on or before December 31 will count as this year's donation. Checks and cash received in the drop slot on or after January 1 will count as 2023 donations.

Giving Options

In addition to online giving (<https://shadygrovepca.org/give/>) or mailing in your checks (Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, 16911 Redland Rd. Derwood, MD 20855), there is now a **Check**

Deposit Box located outside the church office. It resembles a mail slot. This deposit box has replaced the wooden check box. Thank you!

New Winter Sunday School Classes

Beginning **January 8, 2023**, new classes will be offered from 9:30–10:30 on Sundays. Russ Rushton and Scott Melson will continue the study of Romans by teaching Romans 9–16. The book ***Not The Way It's Supposed to Be*** by Cornelius Plantinga Jr. will be taught by Pastor Charlie, Gene Sohn and Kris Marcantonio. This is a book about sin and digs deep and shows the ripple effects of sin not only in our hearts, but in this world. It's also a helpful worldview book. Come join us for one of these offerings in the New Year.

Life Groups

Join us for a life group informational meeting after the morning service on **January 8** in Room 10/11. If you are interested in joining a life group that will begin in January 2023, please contact the church office. Presently, we have groups meeting on various nights of the week at different parts of Montgomery County, and even a group in Frederick County! It's a great way to grow relationships with other church members. Learn more by contacting Tammy in the church office.

Shady Grove Families ***Lost & Found Table***

There is quite a collection of coats, cups, kitchen items, and many other random things that do not belong at church, but rather at someone's home! The lost and found table is in the hospitality room until later this month; however, after that, it will be donated. Please check the table!

Shady Grove Women

Are you on social media? If you'd like to become a part of the "Women of Shady Grove Presbyterian Church" Facebook group, or the "Shady Grove Moms" group, please contact the church office. We'd love to connect with you!

Place 4 You Bible Study

We will begin a new study: God of Covenant: A Study of Genesis 12–50 with Jen Wilkin on Tuesday, **January 10** and Thursday, **January 12**, 2023. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at the Gaithersburg Panera at 12:30 for lunch & fellowship. Come & join us!

Shady Grove Volunteers ***Technology Team***

The Technology Team is looking for volunteers ages 12 and up (both youth and adults) that have an interest in learning technology and helping others. Volunteers will help upgrade and maintain the various technology systems utilized by the church and have the opportunity to learn about a large variety of technologies, including computing systems, networking, and cloud/internet servers. If interested, please reach out to Joshua Klosterman through joshua@shadygrovepca.org.

Shady Grove Missions ***White Fields Missions Offering 2022***

We have been doing a White Fields offering for missions around December for many years as a church. The White Fields Offering is an annual Shady Grove offering which raises funds to support the needs of our missionaries, both within the US and those who serve abroad, and to respond to one time needs for various ministries. Each year the missions committee prayerfully selects designees to receive a portion of the offering. This past year, Young Life Montgomery County and the Christian Business Men's Connection Maryland (an organization supporting a network of men learning to integrate work and faith), were among the ministries chosen. We were also blessed to be able to provide financial assistance to missionaries and ministries with specific needs or to help fill the gap created by financial shortfalls. Three of the ministries we would like to support this year include the Shannons in Peru (for construction of a new center), Covenant Village, and International Students Inc (Hon Lam's student ministry at Montgomery College). Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000. The drive will run from Thanksgiving through the end of January. You can give online or by writing "White Fields" in the memo line of your check. There are also envelopes labeled White Fields available at the church. You can give toward White Fields at any time of the year, but giving at this time helps the committee better prepare for how to best distribute the funds. The missions committee would like to thank you in advance for your generous gifts to the work of expanding the reach of the Gospel. "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." John 4:35b "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Local Missions: ESL

Do you have an interest in helping the foreigner among us? Is God calling you to spread His love and word to people from other nations right here in Montgomery County? The ESL program run by Covenant Life Church is in deep need of teachers, classroom assistants, and child care providers to help with their program. They have a waiting list of students and are short staffed with current classes. If interested, please contact Pam Wilbur.

Mission Trip!

Shady Grove is sending a team for a short mission trip to Santa Marta, Colombia, South America from **February 3 – February 10, 2023**. We will be working with Calvary Reformed Church teaching about family dynamics and working with 120 kids from Sembrando Vida Foundation. For more information, contact Mauricio or Sandra Lamy.

Afghan Family Needs

The Afghan family we have been part of helping is in need of home furnishings. All basic donated furniture items are needed such as beds, dressers, coffee tables, couches, accent chairs, kitchen tables and chairs, etc. If you are interested in donating any furniture they might need please email [Eric Hein](#), our point of contact regarding material donations, and copy [Dale Orwig](#), our deacon who has been a part of this team since June. If you are interested in helping the family in different ways, please also respond. We would like to be a blessing to these families in as many ways as possible, showing them the love of Christ.

Missionaries of the Month

Bert and Nancy Williams, as most of you know, are our missionaries in Uganda. They have asked me to share a few things that are recent and pertinent.

- There was a terrible Ebola crisis for most of the year, but thank God, it seems to have passed. This makes it much easier to minister without the fear of illness spreading
- The economy in Uganda is extremely bad. Prices are very high and so many of the people are out of work. It is a struggle for many to even provide their families with “daily bread”. They are asking that we pray for God’s provision for those in need. We know that God provides all needs if we simply ask Him. Also pray that local churches would help the people within their own congregations and their local communities in providing food.
- Shalom is making their plans for 2023 and they ask prayer for their activities to match their mission and vision. Financial resources are badly needed so that they can do what God has called them to do.
- Prayer is needed for New City Community Church as they search for a new pastor. There are very few pastors who are seeking new places to minister. Bert is helping their search committee and they are all praying that God will lead them to the right individual.

Bert and Nancy are so committed to Uganda and love the people there. Pray for their continued good health (after many bouts with Covid and other physical issues) and enable them to serve the people there and lead the lost to the saving knowledge of the Lord.

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WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

Reflection Quote:

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 60

Question: How are you righteous before God?

Answer: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, although my conscience accuse me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sin, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship – Hebrews 11:1–16

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

All: By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Leader: By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

All: And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Leader: By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

All: For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Leader: By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

All: These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie
All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land. (repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face And in his bosom rest.

Chorus

Responsive Scripture Reading – Hebrews 11:24–29

Leader: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

All: He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Leader: By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

All: By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is free
I trust the Ever-living One
His wounds shall plead for me.

Chorus:

*I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me*

My great physician heals the sick
The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed
For me His life He gave *Chorus*

My heart is leaning on the Word
The written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name
Salvation through His blood *Chorus*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out. *Chorus*

Responsive Scripture Reading – Hebrews 10:19–25

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Men: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Women: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

All: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know “Thus saith the Lord”

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus
O for grace to trust him more*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood. *Chorus:*

Yes ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace. *Chorus:*

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end. *Chorus*

SHARING AND CARING

Pastoral Prayer

Elder John Mitchell

Ministry in Music

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

“Peace”

Elder Scott Melson

Scripture Reading – Romans 5:1–5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Sermon Notes

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction