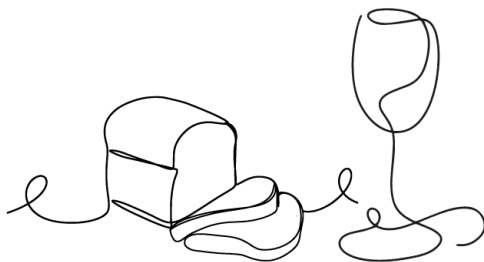

Take & Eat



This morning we will partake of the Sacrament of Communion. We are often tempted to clean ourselves up before coming to Jesus, but it is He who cleans us up. For those who believe, communion is a memorial banquet, a daily meal, and a wedding reception all at the same time.

*We focus our
hearts and
minds as we
prepare to
be served by
the life-giving
Creator God.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION

Therefore, along with the entire groaning creation, they wait with eager longing for the future of Christ and for the revelation of the glory of the children of God (Rom. 8:19, 21; 1 Cor. 15:48ff.), a glory with which the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17).

-Herman Bavinck, *The Church Under the Cross*

Why Christ came: That He might take our flesh, and redeem us; that He might instate us into a kingdom. He was poor that He might make us rich (2 Cor. 8:3). He was born of a virgin that we might be born of God. He took our flesh that He might give us His Spirit. He lay in the manger that we might lie in paradise. He came down from heaven that He might bring us to heaven. And what was all this but love? If our hearts be not rocks, this love of Christ should affect us. Behold love that surpasseth knowledge! (Eph. 3:10)

-Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity Contained in Sermons Upon the Westminster Assembly's Catechism*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

*God Himself
through the
Bible, calls
us into His
presence to
connect with
Him in worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 104)

(Leader) O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

(Congregation) O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

(All) I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. Praise the Lord!

*We respond to
God's gracious
invitation by
asking Him to
empower and
receive our
worship.*

SONG OF PRAISE

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The Old Testament Israelites sang throughout their worship of God. The earliest Christians continued this practice in the first century, and we join our modern voices to this ancient practice in our worship of God.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

Trinity Hymnal, #44, Verses 1, 3 & 4

*We sing to declare that our God is the
Almighty Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
of all things.*



1. O Lord my God, When I in awe-some won - der con - si - der all
3. And when I think, that God, His Son not spa - ring, sent Him to die,
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me home,



the worlds Thy hands havemade, I see the stars, I hear the rol-ling thun-der,
I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble a - do - ra - tion,



Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sa-vior God, to Thee: how great Thou art,



how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Sa-vior God, to Thee:



How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

O GOD OF MERCY, HEAR OUR PLEA

Sovereign Grace Music

*We cry out to God, just as his people
have done forever, and our God
promises to hear and to answer.*



1. O God, we've seen Your faith-ful-ness: You brought us from the wil - der - ness.
2. When will You com-fort our dis tress? How long un - til the pro mised rest?
3. We join cre - a - tion's long-ing groan To take Your ran somed chil-dren home.



But now our faith is frail and weak; O God of mer-cy, hear our__ plea.
We cry to You from deep-est need. O God of mer-cy, hear our__ plea.
For then, the eyes of all will see, The God of mer-cy hears our__ plea.

Chorus



Ab-ba, Fa-ther, our Re-dee-mer, In this bar-ren land be our hope and strength.



Un-til glo-ry we will trust and sing, "Ab - ba, Fa-ther, hear our__ plea!"



*The ancient
Israelites
rejoiced
to hear the
story of God,
and the first
Christians
treasured the
communal
reading of
Scripture.
Rooted in this
tradition, we
publicly read a
section of the
Bible during
worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING

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Colossians 1:24-29

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God.



OFFERING

We worship God by gladly giving back a portion of what he has provided for us. These resources further his mission in our community.

*We celebrate
what God has
done, giving
Him all the
credit for it.*

COMMUNITY GROUPS VIDEO

Life is better together. Find a group that's right for you. Visit: sycamorepres.com/community-groups

*In God's
presence, we
see ourselves
as we are, and
so at His
invitation, we
confess our sin,
trusting in His
promised grace.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please silently confess your sin before the Lord.

*God declares in
the gospel that
all who repent
and believe in
Jesus Christ are
completely
forgiven from
the guilt and
shame of all
their sins.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(ISAIAH 25:9)

Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

OH, HOW GOOD TO BE TOGETHER

By Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim

*Those who believe are adopted as
sons and daughters, and are one
family in Him.*



1. Oh, how good to be to - ge - ther In this wea - ry world we trod.
2. On this day the Lord has fa - shioned, Come re - joice with all your might.
3. When it looked like e - vil conquered, When we felt the dark - est hour,
4. Tell the theme of his pro - vi - sion, How he met our ev - r'y need.



What a gift, and what a trea - sure; Kin - dred in the house of God.
Raise a ban - ner of sal - va - tion; He has led us through the night.
In des - pair we sought the Fa - ther, He has proved his migh - ty power.
He has been our firm foun - da - tion, He will ev - er al - ways be.

Chorus



Oh, the joy, oh, the sweet ness, To be ga - thered in the name of the Lord..



E-ver- more he will keep_ us, From the val - ley to the gol - den shore.

*One of our
leaders cries
out to God
on our behalf
for grace
and mercy,
especially for
the hurting,
needy, and
broken.*

SHEPHERDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on 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 evil."

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

*During the
11:00 AM
sermon,*

SERMON SERIES

*children ages 4
years through
2nd grade are
invited to Kid's
Worship.*

MICAH: A MESSAGE OF JUSTICE AND HOPE

SERMON TEXT

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MICAH 2:1-5

*God has
ordained*

SERMON

*the preaching
of the Bible
to be the*

A FUTURE HOME

DONNIE CLINTON JR.

There is no room for oppression in the assembly of God.

*chief means of
proclaiming
the good news
of Jesus Christ.*

SERMON OUTLINE

The Accusation (vv. 1-2)

The Sentence (vv. 3-4)

The Future (v. 5)

*If you do not
have a Bible at
home, please
take one from
the chair in
front of you as
our gift.*

SERMON TEXT

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Micah 2:1-5

Woe to those who devise wickedness
and work evil on their beds!

When the morning dawns, they perform it,
because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields and seize them,
and houses, and take them away;
they oppress a man and his house,
a man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore thus says the LORD:
behold, against this family I am devising disaster,
from which you cannot remove your necks,
and you shall not walk haughtily,
for it will be a time of disaster.

4 In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you
and moan bitterly,
and say, "We are utterly ruined;
he changes the portion of my people;
how he removes it from me!

To an apostate he allots our fields."

5 Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot
in the assembly of the LORD.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

By Stuart Townend

*We sing to try and grasp wide and
long and high and deep God's love
for us is (Ephesians 3:18).*



1. How deep the Fa ther's love for us, How vast be-yond all mea - sure
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His shoul - ders.
3. I will not boast in a - ny-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His trea - sure.
A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice Call out a-mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and re - sur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear-ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an ans - wer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One Bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

*We welcome
all baptized
Christians
who trust in
Jesus Christ
for salvation
and who are
members of a
congregation
that proclaims
the gospel to
take the Lord's
Supper with us.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Leader) The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "Take, eat; This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink of it, all of you." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *(pp. from Matthew 26:26-28 & 1 Corinthians 11:24-25)*

*All bread is
nut, dairy,
gluten free,
and vegan, but
contains soy.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith. *(1 Timothy 3:9)*

(All) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
(1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

*Trays contain
wine in outer
ring and grape
juice in the
middle rings.*

PRAYER

(Leader) The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, and receive.

DISTRIBUTION

If you are unable to come forward but would like to partake, raise your hand after a few moments and an elder will come to you to serve the elements.

PRAYER

*We depart with
this final "good
word" reminder
of the grace
given to us in
the Gospel.*

BENEDICTION

This Week at Sycamore

* Nursery Available

Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Kid's Sunday School
Kids Quest (Room 12)
- 10:00 AM Adult/Youth Sunday School *
Sycamore 101 - Membership Class (Room 25)
- 11:00 AM Worship Service *
Kid's Worship
Iglesia Hispana (Worship in Spanish - Room 3)
- 4:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Group
- 4:00 PM Family Game Night

Monday, January 22

- 1:00 PM Knitting His Love (at the church)
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Ezra & Nehemiah)

Tuesday, January 23

- 6 & 7 AM Men's Bible Studies
- 9:30 AM ESL
- 10:00 AM Aprons & Mitts Baking Club
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Daniel)
- 7:00 PM Missions Committee

Wednesday, January 24

- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Studies (Daniel/ Spiritual Mothering)
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (Genesis)
- 8:15 PM Men's Choir

Thursday, January 25

- 11:30 AM VIP Brown Bag Lunch
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Remember Your Joy)

Friday, January 26

- 10:00 AM MOMCO Meeting

Saturday, January 27

- 7:00 AM Faith & Fitness

Sunday School

*To deepen our understanding of Scripture
and our love for God through thoughtful
and engaging studies of God's word.*

ADULT - 10:00 AM

Parlor- Faith & Fellowship

Room 3- Dust to Glory

Sanctuary- Sycamore 201 (Biblical
Theology)

YOUTH - 10:00 AM

No Sunday School.

CHILDREN - 9:45 AM

Kid's Sunday School teaches that it is the
gospel, not good behavior, that changes
everything.

DROP OFF ROOMS

6 Weeks - 23 mo.	Nursery Room C
2 & 3 (Toddlers)	Room 25
4 & 5 (Pre-K)	Room 24
Kindergarten & 1st	Room 24
2nd & 3rd	Room 27
4th & 5th	Room 25
Kids' Worship	Room 25
Middle & High School	Room 2

Praying Together

For the needs of our mission partners, congregation, denomination and community:

MISSIONS: Sergei & Ellina Lesnik, Ukraine Christian Sports Academy

CONGREGATION: Sycamore Staff

DENOMINATION: Reformed University Ministries

COMMUNITY: Young Life Capernaum

Care

Spiritual Care - If you'd like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus or you have a spiritual need or question, please speak to one of our elders.

Counseling - If you are interested in speaking with a trained counselor, we support Wellspring Christian Counseling (wellspringrva.com or 804-306-0504).

Financial Care - If you, or someone you know, needs financial help with basic needs, such as food, clothing, housing, and utilities— or special needs like school supplies or medical expenses, we have special funds available for such needs. Please reach out to us through our website or call the office. For more information, visit: <https://sycamorepres.com/benevolence/>

Summary of Finances

January offering goal: \$74,400		January offering (through 1/14/24): \$17,099 (23%)	
Year to Date 4/1/23—12/31/23			
Budget:		Actual:	
YTD offering goal: \$1,036,125		YTD offering: \$978,992 (under \$57,133)	
YTD expenses: \$1,018,484		YTD expenses: \$984,167 (under 34,317)	

Active Elders & Deacons

Elders

Brian Kaman
Glenn Kurtz
Steve O'Brien
Dennie Pritchard
Stephen Righter
Jim Shefferly
Gene Whitehead

Deacons

Tyler Burgess
Doug Castle
Harry Markland
Keith Miller
Dale Moore
Pat Murphy
Scott Shefferly
John Vick
Paul Walshak
Cort Van Rensselaer

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many exciting events going on at Sycamore this month for all ages! To check out our full list of events, visit:

sycamorepres.com/events

After The Service

ARE YOU NEW HERE?



JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!

Community Groups are a really important way that we grow in our faith and build meaningful relationships with the people in our church. Start the New Year off by investing in time together! This is a great time to join a group as many groups are starting back up again in January. Many new groups have been added and will be starting up this month as well! To find a group that is right for you, visit: sycamorepres.com/community-groups

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Upcoming Songs (Updated Weekly)
Preview Worship Bulletin (Updated Fridays by 12pm)



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