

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are 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 idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies AFTER the service in the parlor. Fellowship is also encouraged BEFORE the service, beginning at 10:30 in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the Worship service, however an unstaffed nursery is available for parents and children who might need a little break. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions! Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Minute for Mission

### Praying for Our EPC World Outreach Missionaries

Thank you from the Evangelism Committee to those of you who have already been called by God to pray for one of our EPC missionary couples or an individual missionary or their child! You learned last month that the Evangelism Committee has asked EACH OF US to peruse the missionary folders on the tall mission table outside the sanctuary and choose one person or one couple/family to pray for in our times of prayer each day! If you would like to receive your own newsletters from the missionary for whom you are praying, that can be arranged.

IN ADDITION, Evangelism asks that we place our names on the list of intercessors just added to the tall table in the mission area. This will help us ensure everyone is covered in prayer. We realize it is inconvenient not to be able to take the printed information on the tall table home, however we must follow the EPC's confidentiality guidelines. Feel free to take a folder to the library or parlor to read and take notes, then return it to the table so others can read it.

An option for those who want to be more on top of the needs of our EPC missionaries and read prayer requests on personal computers or phones:

- e-mail Phil Thrash at [phil.thrash@epwo.net](mailto:phil.thrash@epwo.net). Tell him you would like to pray for our missionaries and to register with WOonthego. (WO = World Outreach)
- Use the invitation code he sends you to go to [www.woonthego.com](http://www.woonthego.com) and sign in securely. Save the user name and password you create!

## Prayer Concerns

✠ For Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Paula Gardner, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, Janis Hall, Tom Hoffman, Bev Hutchins, Anna Michenzi, Barb Matthews.

✠ For our country, the President, Cabinet, government officials, and staff; for our Congressional Delegation: Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, Representative Cynthia Lummis; for Judge Brian D. Christensen.

✠ For all military men and women and their families, especially Brian Barksdale.

✠ For the Presbytery of Wyoming; the EPC Presbytery of the West; our Elders and Deacons; Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church (EPC), Lingle; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims

✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria and elsewhere.

**Please keep updating the office about those you have added to these Prayer Concerns.**

## Upcoming Events for the week of September 1-7

### Monday

Labor Day – no committee meetings

### Tuesday

4:15 & 6:15 P.M. Companions in Christ

### Wednesday

7:00 P.M. Choir  
8:00 P.M. Bells

### Sunday

9:15 Sunday School  
10:15 Fellowship  
11:00 A.M. Worship

**Please note the  
beginning of our  
fall schedule this  
week!**

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# Order for the Worship of God

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**Prelude** *Prelude & Fugue in A* J.S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and Peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

**Introit** *Praise Waits for Thee in Zion* vv.1, 6 #372

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 66:1-4*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, "How terrible are thy deeds! So great is thy power that thy enemies cringe before thee.

**People: All the earth worships thee; they sing praises to thee, sing praises to thy name."**

### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (insert)

**Psalter** Psalm 116  
Pew Bible [Blue p. 510] [Red p. 648]  
**Reading alternate verses, last verse unison**

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most gracious God, loving Heavenly Father, who of Your grace has ever called out a people to proclaim Your goodness and Your power; thank You for calling us today. We confess before You this day that we are all sinners who fail to be bold in our proclamation. We avoid situations where we could be put on the spot to bear witness to our Faith. We often remain silent when we should speak. We put our comfort in quietness ahead of Your command to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Cast out our sin and all that would obscure our message. Open our mouths and hearts by your Spirit's power. We pray in Jesus' name.

~ Silent prayer ~ Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri** #735

**Special Music** *Amazing Grace* Arr. Cutter

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Text** Genesis 2:4-9  
Pew Bible [Blue p. 2] [Red p. 2]

**New Testament Text** II Corinthians 4:1-15  
Pew Bible [Blue p. 965] [Red p. 1227]

**Sermon** *The Plain Truth, Boldly* Pastor Paul Kuhn

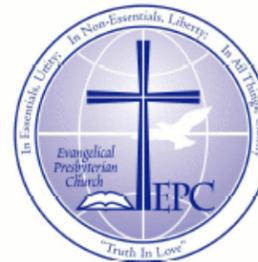
**\*Hymn** *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* #644

### Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving  
Intercession

For the Church  
For the Ministry  
For the Nation  
For all People

The Lord's Prayer



### Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *Variations on HENDON* Juanita Schubert

**\*Doxology** #729

### \*Confession of Faith

*Westminster Larger Catechism (Questions 158-159)*

Leader: Who should preach the word of God?

**People: The word of God should be preached only by those who are sufficiently gifted and who are properly approved and called to do it.**

Leader: How should those who are called preach the word of God?

**People: Those who are called to labor in the ministry of the word should preach sound doctrine, accurately, in season and out of season, clearly, and not with seductive words of human wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. They should faithfully and fully express the whole counsel of God; this should be done wisely, taking into account the needs and capabilities of the audience. Their preaching should be motivated by a zealous and fervent love for God and the souls of his people. Finally, it should be done sincerely, aiming to glorify God and to convert, edify, and save his people.**

**\*Hymn** *Come, We That Love the Lord* #700

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Presto!* Arr. Geoffrey Edwards

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Paul R. Kuhn
Liturgist	Janis Hall
Head Usher	MH Hennagin
Organist	Beverly McAmis Reese
Greeter	Greg Irwin
Soloist	Zach Vreeman

## Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
  - ✓ If you or a member of your family would like a visit when you are recuperating in the hospital or at home.
  - ✓ If you would like your name added to the Prayer Band.
  - ✓ If you would like your name in the Bulletin for prayer.
- ✚ The Session would like for each member to have a copy of the EPC Leadership Training Guide. You can pick up a free copy from the literature rack by the office door.
- ✚ Session is asking for a per capita payment of \$40.00 for 2014 (above and beyond your pledge)

**Beginning Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
during the Sunday School hour, and also  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.,  
please join us for our  
Old Testament Survey class,  
"Old Testament Stories Everyone Should Know"  
Week 1 - Creation**

## Our Mission Statement

Recognizing that we are a broken and sinful people in a fallen world in need of a Savior and a transforming, everlasting relationship with the one triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our mission is to glorify God as a theologically reformed Presbyterian congregation through

- ❖ Christ-centered liturgical worship to strengthen our faith,
- ❖ Biblically-grounded teaching and preaching to equip disciples,
- ❖ Family-focused fellowship to nurture and encourage each other, and
- ❖ Gospel-based ministry to share God's grace and love in Casper and beyond.