SUNDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022

# SHEPHERD of the HILLS

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!

DIGITAL BULLETIN AND ORDER OF WORSHIP







## VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I will give thanks to you,
O Lord, among the
peoples; I will sing
praises to you among
the nations. For your
steadfast love is great to
the heavens, your
faithfulness to the
clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 57:9-11

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs of Worship
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Closing Worship

## Message Series:



MESSAGE: THE RAPTURE: SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Collin Monger

#### 8:00 AM Service Worship

You Are Crowned with Many Crowns #37 Joy Unspeakable #740 Be Exalted, O God #32

*Closing Hymn*Soon and Very Soon #757

#### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Led by Shepherd's Call

The Lord Reigns Grace Like Rain At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Grace Like Rain (Reprise)

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4





**SERVICE TIMES** 

**8:00 AM**Acoustic Service





**9:30 AM** Sunday School 9:30 & 11 AM Contemporary Service

# **Upcoming Events**

Offering Agape drop-boxes are available around the lot during our outdoor service. Please note we will not take a formal offering during services. You can also give electronically here:

www.soth.church/giving

**Starting Today! Preschool Easter Candy Fundraiser:** Support the preschool and purchase some delicious chocolate eggs! \$8 per box, 8-10 candy eggs per box (8 oz total), pickup and pay in the foyer.

**Women's Ministry Bonfire Friday April 8th 6:30 PM** Ladies join us for a Spring Bonfire on Friday April 8th at 6:30 PM. Rain date is Saturday April 9th. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online here.

Wednesdays: Youth Club 6:45PM-8:30PM, Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> & Verse-By-Verse Bible Study: 7:00 PM

**Connect Groups** are being formed for the Spring-Summer session. If you are not yet involved in a connect group (small group of 6-8 people), expect a phone call from the church to get you plugged in with a group.

Maundy Thursday Seder & Good Friday Service, April 14 & 15 Join us for a Maundy Thursday Seder Meal at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, as well as our Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Seder is free to attend, but please sign up at the Welcome Desk, the church app, or on the church website.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 16th 3:00 PM** Join us on Saturday, April 16th at 3:00 PM for a Community Easter Egg Hunt at Abilene Park here at Shepherd of the Hills. Kids of all ages invited, with activities and refreshments for the whole family.

Challenge Men's Ministry Hockey Game, Friday April 22nd 6:00 PM Guys join us for a Lehigh Valley Phantoms Game on Friday April 22nd. Leave from SOTH no later than 6:00 PM. \$10 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or Online.

Books for the next Ladies Book Club, on April 29th 6:30 pm, are available for pickup at Chronicles Christian Books (\$10 each).

**SOTH Summer Missions Trip: New York City. August 1st – 7**<sup>th</sup> If you are interested in serving in our Church-Wide missions trip, held August 1st – 7th, sign up on the welcome desk in the foyer.



Get last week's message and message notes <u>online here</u>, or through our <u>SOTH Church Mobile app</u>.

### **GRACE DEFINED AND DEFENDED**

BY KEVIN DEYOUNG

"Grace Is Too Precious a Doctrine to Settle for Vague Generalities."

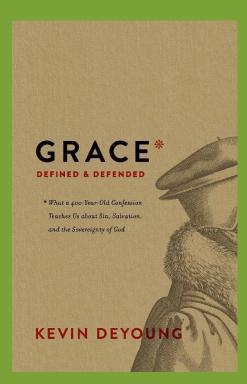
Grace—a doctrine central to the gospel—ought to be clearly defined so it can be celebrated, relished, and consistently defended.

In this book, Kevin DeYoung leads us back to the Canons of Dort, a seventeenth-century document originally written to precisely and faithfully define this precious doctrine.

The Canons of Dort stand as a faithful witness to the precise nature of God's supernatural, sovereign, redeeming, resurrecting grace—when so many people settle for vague generalities that water down the truth.

In three concise sections—covering history, theology, and practical application— DeYoung explores what led to the Canons and why they were needed, the five important doctrines that they explain, and Dort's place in the Christian faith today.

Get your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!



# Songs of Worship

### Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

#### The Lord Reigns CCLI #4659820 | Klaus Kuehn

#### Verse

The Lord reigns let the people shout
He reigns in righteous - ness
Let the heavens be glad let the earth rejoice
The Lord reigns let the people clap their hands
Angels shout the re - deemed have come to dance
To celebrate to celebrate He reigns

#### Chorus

The Lord reigns the Lord reigns
The Lord reigns we will sing and shout
You reign You reign
You reign for - ever King of all

#### Verse

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

Let all the people sing of Your awesome power in all the earth Let darkness tremble at Your Name Why do the nations rage when The King is on His throne Now and forever, You will reign

#### Chorus

The Lord reigns the Lord reigns
The Lord reigns we will sing and shout
You reign You reign
You reign forever King of all
(REPEAT)

#### Endina

Forever King of all Forever King of all

## Grace Like Rain CCLI #3689877 | Todd Agnew, Chris Collins, Edwin O. Excell, and John Newton

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see so clearly

#### Chorus 1

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me Hallelujah all my stains are washed away They're washed away

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

#### Chorus 2

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me Hallelujah all my stains are washed away (REPEAT) They're washed away

#### Verse 3

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing Your praise Than when we'd first begun

#### Chorus 2

#### Ending

Hallelujah yeah Hallelujah yeah oh yeah Hallelujah all my stains are washed away They're washed away

# Songs of Worship

### Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

At The Cross (Love Ran Red) CCLI #7017786 | Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong, and Matt Redman

#### Verse 1

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

#### Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
Jesus

#### Verse 2

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

#### Chorus

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

The ministry of Shepherd of the Hills Church is not possible without the help of many volunteers who give their time and talents to serve in various areas of the church.

#### Scheduled Today 04/03

Welcome Desk: Mary S.

Deacon: Mark F.

Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.

Greeters: Edo & Norma J. / Roger & Sharon

E. / Brittany T.

#### **Discipleship Oasis**

Crib Room: Jim & Sherry J. Pre-K Room: Diana & Dan G. Children's Church: Becky K.

#### A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Craig E.

Video: Leigh Ann C. / James W.

#### **Hospitality Team**

John C. / Sharon E.

#### Scheduled Next Week 04/10

Welcome Desk: Margaret F.

Deacon: Neil S.

Offering Counters: Marie M. / Mary B. Greeters: Kevin & Steph H. / Uwe & Mary

B. / Marge S.

#### **Discipleship Oasis**

Crib Room: Crystal O.

Pre-K Room: Joyce H. / Katie L. Children's Church: Karen & John S.

#### A/V Team:

Sound: Dolly K. / Brad S. Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

#### **Hospitality Team**

Karla O. / Judy M.

#### SOTH Church mobile app



## Stay connected with Shepherd of the Hills by downloading our Mobile App Today!

Our mobile app allows you to get instant updates and events about the church, as well as download and listen to messages, study God's Word, give Online, and more!

# VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

Are you interested in serving here at Shepherd of the Hills? Here are just a few areas that have an active need.

**Multimedia Team:** We're looking for people to join our multimedia team on Sunday mornings. You would be helping with video and audio production, sound mixing, and other tech-related areas of the Sunday service. If you're interested in helping, let us know! Experience not needed and we will provide all the training you need. Email pastor Jon at <a href="mailto:media@soth.church">media@soth.church</a>

**Sunday School & Children's Church Teacher:** We are looking for volunteers to lead one of our Sunday School classes as well, either 1st - 3rd grade or  $4\text{th} - 6^{\text{th}}$ , as our Children's Church offering. Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM and Children's church starts at 11:00 AM. Please contact Renee Miller at <a href="mailter@soth.church">rmiller@soth.church</a> if interested in helping. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed.

**Connect Group Leader:** We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be (or willing to become) a member of SOTH, be a believer, be able to host a group of between 7 and 10 other people twice per month and be able to coordinate the group's meetings. This person ideally will have a spiritual giftedness of a pastor, teacher, administrator, host, or other relevant gift. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Charles Rowdon at <a href="mailto:crowdon@soth.church">crowdon@soth.church</a>.

**Bookstore Attendants:** We are seeking individuals or couples who are interested in helping staff our bookstore on Sunday mornings. Interested parties can contact Pastor Jon at <a href="mailto:media@soth.church">media@soth.church</a>



## HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

You can give financial support to our Missions projects through our regular giving envelopes by check or cash. You can also give *Electronically* using our **Online Giving Portal** or through our **Mobile App**.

You can also support our missionaries by sending a SOTH Missions **Postcard** at Chronicles Books. You can write an encouraging message to our commitment missionary of the month and we will mail the card for you.

# April Missions

Said and Habiba are missionaries who have been ministering as witness for Christ in country that is hostile toward Christians and external missionaries. This is especially difficult because missionaries are not accepted into the country but, because of their citizenship, they have the opportunity to share their testimony with people who might not otherwise hear the gospel message. They have a passion to not only share what Christ has done in their lives with others but also disciple them and help them grow in their faith.

"We thank God for supporting and protecting us during all these years and his faithfulness with us. Brothers and Sisters in Christ and partners in ministry I thank God for you and your support to us during all these years and I pray that God will always be with you."

Said and Habiba are our Missions Commitment focus for the month of April. Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in a country that is hostile toward Christians and missionaries.

Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in his home country while at the same time utilizing technology to help spread the message of Jesus. In the last year over 400 people have come to a profess Jesus as their Lord and savior because of the work of Said and his family. Prayers are always appreciated as this is an especially difficult and dangerous place to be a believer in Christ.

- Many Christian workers have been asked to leave the country for different reasons.
- Women's ministry & strategies to reach women
- Security for family and church members.

### Prayer Requests & Current Needs:

- Funding for a church location
- Pray for new Pastors in the country.



# APRIL MISSIONS Vision Project



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



#### New York, NY Missions Trip from Shepherd of the Hills

Shepherd of the Hills is sending a missions team to New York City, NY to work with Street Life Ministries in August.

The team will be helping with be helping:

- Share God's love with the people of New York City
- Working in the homeless ministry, outreach ministry, and children's ministry.
- Distribute food to needy families
- Minister & fellowship within the community
- Now accepting registration for those interested in participating.

### MEMBERSHIP AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Nothing about the Christian faith is by accident, it all requires being intentional about your relationship with God. Membership allows us to extend that intentional approach to our church connection. At Shepherd of the Hills being a member is a way of saying "I'm committed to growing in my faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ." Membership also allows the church to commit to you by pledging to help you in any way possible.

Every Fourth Sunday at 12:15 PM we offer a membership class for those wishing to join our congregation.

If you would like to attend a membership class, please sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer or email Pastor Collin at cmonger@soth.church to be added to the list.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Shepherd of the Hills Church takes significant effort to offer our community a high-quality Christian-based educational preschool and kindergarten for children. The Christian School is God centered, believing all truth is God's truth, and dedicated to helping parents prepare their children for Godly success in their faith, life and academic career. The mission of SOTH Christian School is to work in partnership with families to foster the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical aspects, of each unique child.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Throughout the day, our dedicated staff guide our young students through a carefully and deliberately planned curriculum that includes reading, mathematics, learning to follow instructions and other skills designed to give children the tools they need when entering grade school.



Today, the school is a completely self-generating program, funded by student tuition and generous congregational support from members like you.







Our ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills Church allow us to carry out our mission by addressing a specific area of need in our community. To learn more about a ministry, tap on a logo below.















