

Welcome to
St. John's Reformed Church



Lord's Day Sunday, August 23, 2026

Hebrews 11:8-16

The City From Afar



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Ongoing...

* Monday Night **Bible Study** - 6:30-8:00pm - Fellowship Hall.
Current study: Romans

* We have a **prayer time** before service at 8:40 downstairs in our prayer room to the right of the nursery. Please plan to come so that we can prayer together.

* Sunday Night Service - 6:00pm - Feb-June and Sept-Nov (off for July-Aug and Dec-Jan).

* Every 1st Sunday after service around 11:30 we have a potluck lunch in our fellowship hall.

* Downstairs we have a **library** of books that you can check out. Plus free booklets and t-shirts to take.

* There is a **mother and baby room** available downstairs next to the library/lounge area for those who need it during service.

* If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's please talk to Pastor Matt for more information on a **membership** class and more.

* We always have a need for **bottled water and paper products**. If you would like to donate, it is much appreciated. They can go on any counter in the kitchen.

* If members need a **Member Directory**, talk to Pastor Matt.

* Offerings can be given during service, in the offering boxes located at the top of the stairs in the back of the sanctuary or in the foyer of our west entrance, or through our app.

* Our **church app** is available through allofchrist.org or any app store

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Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship *
Psalm 81

* Songs of Praise *
Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor (black #406)
Your Love, O Lord
Psalm 2: Why Do the Nations Rage?

Catechism
Q&A #43 (page 61 in our 1689 book in the pews)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon
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Offering and Song of Preparation
Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)

Offering Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

* Song of Response *
Blessed Assurance (black #403)

* Benediction and Closing Doxology *

[* If able, you are invited to stand *]

Hebrews 11:8-16 - The City From Afar

Their incredible faith:

The church:

The promised land:

As a foreigner in a foreign land:

Understanding this further:

Sermons are usually uploaded by Monday and can be accessed thru our website at www.allofchrist.org

Announcements and News...

Next Sunday August 30th we will have a brief congregational meeting after service to hand out the first portion of the new Constitution and By-Laws for the church. We will also give a few updates on some things.

As a reminder, our Sunday night services will start up again in September, on September 6th at 6pm.

Today there is another street ministry gathering in Lititz to spread the word about the abolition of abortion. It will be from 2-4pm. Let Pastor Matt know if you would like to join us.

On September 6th Pastor Britto from the Independent Church in India will be with us to update us on their ministry work. Please consider giving to their ministry.

On Monday September 21st the March For Life is happening in Harrisburg at the capitol. If you would like to come and join in spreading the word about the abolition of abortion, let Pastor Matt know. We will be there from 9am-1pm.

Our Yard Sale is coming up at the beginning of October, so if you'd like to donate anything please let Pastor Matt or Debra Marbarger know.

Coming up on October 15-17 is the Future of Christendom's annual 3-day conference. It will be at the Woodcrest Retreat Center in Ephrata. This year's conference focuses on addressing the pressing issues facing America by turning to God's Law-Word as the standard for justice, progress, and victory. Cost is \$110 (ages 18+), \$70 (ages 11-17), and free for children 10 and under. Last year's conference sold out so go to futureofchristendom.org to register.

Save the Date: Fall Festival October 24th - details to come

Today's flowers are in memory of Charlie Fehr by his wife, Sharon.

Questions for further study and to help parents continue the sermon with their children...

How was the faith of the saints of old incredible?
(Read 1 Peter 1:10-12)

What is the city that Abraham looked forward to?

How was God's work to bring life out of Abraham, who was as good as dead, and Sarah, who was barren, a picture of salvation? Read Hebrews 11:11-12.

How should we understand life on this earth as a foreigner in a foreign land?

How can we better understand the city from afar that Abraham looked to as an already-and-not-yet thing?