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From the Pastor

The Types and Purpose of Biblical Preaching

For the Edification of the Church and the Glory of God

By Pastor Aaron Beaty

I: Types of Preaching

In every age, God has chosen to build His church through the proclamation of His Word. The apostle Paul reminds Timothy to “preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2). Preaching is not merely one element of worship—it is central. Through it, Christ Himself speaks to His people by His Spirit.

But not all preaching takes the same form. Faithful, biblical preaching can take on several distinct types, each serving the same ultimate purpose: to proclaim the whole counsel of God and to bring His people to maturity in Christ. Here is an outline of various styles that I employ as a pastor and what they mean.

1. Expository: *The Steady Diet of the Church*

Expository preaching is the careful explanation and application of a text of Scripture. The preacher’s aim is to draw out the meaning of the text as God intended and apply it to the lives of the congregation. In this style, a text is explained and applied verse-by-verse.

This is the primary method of preaching in the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition. It guards against the preacher’s personal preferences and ensures that the congregation hears systematically FROM God’s Word, not merely ABOUT it. As books of the Bible are preached through systematically, the church is nourished on the full breadth of Scripture—law and gospel, warning and promise, doctrine and application.

Many churches have sadly developed an anemic expectation about what comes from the pulpit. In short, they expect to hear “Jesus loves me-The end.” While true, and all themes of scripture touch upon this point, the breadth of Biblical instruction is much wider

and deeper. Expository preaching is geared to plumb the full depths of the Word, not just popular themes.

2. Textual: *Focused Reflection on a Single Passage*

Closely related to expository preaching, textual preaching focuses on a shorter passage or even a single verse. While still grounded in careful interpretation (exegesis- determining what the text meant to the original audience, and hermeneutics- how that original message applies to us today by the standard of the Word itself), it allows for a more concentrated meditation on a specific truth.

This type of preaching is often helpful for emphasizing key doctrines or themes that require clarity and depth, especially in special services or particular seasons of the church year. In this type of preaching, extra care needs to be taken to ensure the smaller text is being considered rightly in its wider context and not just on its own.

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3. Topical: *Addressing Specific Doctrines and Issues*

Topical preaching gathers various biblical texts to address a specific subject—such as prayer, stewardship, suffering, or the attributes of God. When done faithfully, it is deeply rooted in Scripture and seeks to present a unified biblical teaching on the topic.

Topical sermons can be especially useful for teaching systematic theology or addressing pressing pastoral concerns. However, they require great care to ensure that Scripture shapes the message, rather than the topic shaping the use of Scripture. This same concern challenges our reading of Scripture as well- cautioning us about the risk of only looking for scriptures that speak to a certain topic rather than gleaning the topic from the scripture. Again, it can be done faithfully, but great care must be taken in that process- both for preaching and for our daily devotions.

In Seminary, we were given the following guideline for preaching in order to minimize the error of mis-applying, or missing the context of a Scripture: Every minute of sermon should represent one hour of study. The further removed from Expository Preaching, the more care needs to be taken in the treatment of the Texts.

4. Redemptive-Historical: *Christ at the Center*

A hallmark of Reformed (classical Presbyterian) preaching is its commitment to seeing all of Scripture in light of God's redemptive plan fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Redemptive-historical preaching traces how a passage fits within the unfolding story of salvation—from creation, through fall, to redemption and restoration- ultimately culminating in the death and resurrection of Jesus and anticipating his return in Glory.

Jesus Himself taught that all Scripture points to Him (Luke 24:27). Therefore, faithful preaching will not merely offer moral lessons but will proclaim Christ as Savior and Lord, calling hearers to repentance and faith.

5. Narrative: *The Flow and the Form*

Narrative preaching gives careful attention to the stories of Scripture, which make up a large portion of the Bible—from Genesis through the Gospels and Acts. Rather than flattening these passages into abstract principles, narrative preaching seeks to unfold the movement, tension, and meaning of the story as it was given.

When done faithfully, this approach helps the congregation enter into the text—seeing the lives of figures like Abraham, David, or Peter in their historical and covenantal context. It highlights God's actions in history and reveals how He works through real people, often in weakness and struggle.

However, narrative preaching must be handled with care. It **MUST NOT** reduce biblical characters to MERE moral examples (“be like David” or “don’t be like Saul”), but must point to God's sovereign purposes and ultimately to Christ, who is the fulfillment of every promise. In this way, narrative preaching complements expository preaching by drawing out the richness of Scripture's storytelling while remaining anchored in sound doctrine.

NOTE on Style: These are all distinct types of preaching- and pastors, even those of us who emphasize Expository preaching, will vary the type from time to time and for various reasons. For example, our series covering the Patriarchs and at some of the Kings of Israel are a combination of narrative, redemptive-history, and expository. One practical reason for using different preaching styles is text type. In our series on the patriarchs or the kings the text is historical narrative. The sheer volume of text that we would need to cover these individuals if we went verse-by-verse would take many years to complete (which is fine and good). Focusing on themes allows us to identify key lessons faster in a larger body of text while maintaining biblical faithfulness to its message.

While this gives you a look at different types of preaching- it is true that many sermons will be primarily of one type but include other types within as well.

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.II: The Purpose of Preaching

While these types of preaching vary in form, their purpose is unified and clear:

1. To Glorify God

Preaching magnifies the character, works, and promises of God according to His Word. It directs our attention away from ourselves and toward His majesty.

2. To Proclaim Christ

At the heart of every sermon is the good news of Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and reigning. Preaching calls sinners to salvation and believers to deeper trust in Him.

3. To Edify the Church

God’s people are strengthened, instructed, and equipped through the Word. Preaching builds up the body, forming us into mature disciples.

4. To Call for Response

Biblical preaching is never merely informational—it is transformational. It calls for repentance, faith, obedience, and worship.

A Final Encouragement

As a congregation, we are not passive listeners but active participants in the ministry of the Word. We come prepared, attentive, and prayerful, asking that God would speak and work among us.

May we never take lightly the gift of biblical preaching. For in it, week by week, the Good Shepherd feeds His sheep, leads us in truth, and conforms us more and more to the image of His Son.

“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

May Birthdays

5th Noreen Rhoades

6th Jocelyn Shellito

12th Sheryl Keady (90th!!!!)

15th Geri Coker

16th JoAnn Eiman

31st Braiden Curran

28th Vickie Zeller

May Anniversaries

1st Rodney & Kathy Todd

3rd Aaron & Krista Beaty

7th Cheryl & Gary Paletz

15th Page & Eric Smith

Sunday Social Time:

SUNDAY
Social

A reminder that in each odd numbered month (Jan., March, May, etc.) on the fourth Sunday the congregation at large has the opportunity to serve in the kitchen for the after Worship social time.

For those who would like to do this and are not familiar with the routine please check with one of the Deacons and we’ll get you plugged in.

MISSION MEMO:

Peace Memorial will again be participating in the PREGNANCY HOPE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN.

The campaign begins on Mother's Day, May 10 and continues through Father's Day, June 14.

For those new to this, each year, the Pregnancy Hope Center provides labelled baby bottles for participants to take home to fill with change (or cash, or a check) and return to fund the many ministries our local Center offers. Kathy Todd will be setting up a table at the back of the sanctuary with a cradle full of bottles (and a big bear, ready to give hugs). Simply take a bottle, fill it with your donations, and return to the cradle (or leave in the office if you return it during the week).

Kathy takes the bottles to the Center as they're received. And

here's a tip from us old pros- after you've returned your bottle, take an empty one home to fill throughout the year to get a jump on the next campaign. It's a great place to put your loose change and a visible reminder to pray for those choosing life over fears.



And our Peace Memorial Women's Missionary Group is holding a RUMMAGE SALE on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Both days will run from 9am to 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations to the rummage sale are being accepted, but please keep in mind that your donations should be in useful condition and clothes should be clean and in good repair. The PMWVG plans to designate some of the proceeds to Solid Ground, a horse-centered therapy organization, which is also one of the church's designated giving programs.

Peace Memorial EPC has long designated Solid Ground as a local mission program. It is a great joy to support a program that recognizes that "all creatures of our God and King" glorify Him and are His gifts to us.



PEACE MEMORIAL EPC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In October of 2025, Session approved the establishing of a college scholarship fund. These funds would be made available, through application, to any member of our church furthering his or her education. We are in the process of pinning down the who's and how's with a great deal of help from Kathleen Walker-Henderson. At the moment, monies for the fund are through donations made directly by congregation members. A special category has been established through our Money Market account. If this is something you feel called to support, simply make a donation separate from your regular giving and mark it "Scholarship Fund." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could start awarding scholarships come the Fall 2026 term?

And since we are at the beginning stage of how and what the procedures will be - will this be part of a standing committee, or will a new committee be formed- you might prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve once the dust settles. We are blessed to have many in our congregation who have a background in education, have been involved with scholarship programs, and/or have been gifted with discernment.





Our Annual Spring Cleaning day on **Saturday, April 25th** went very well with many folks turning out to help.

Many thanks
from the
Building &
Grounds
Committee!!



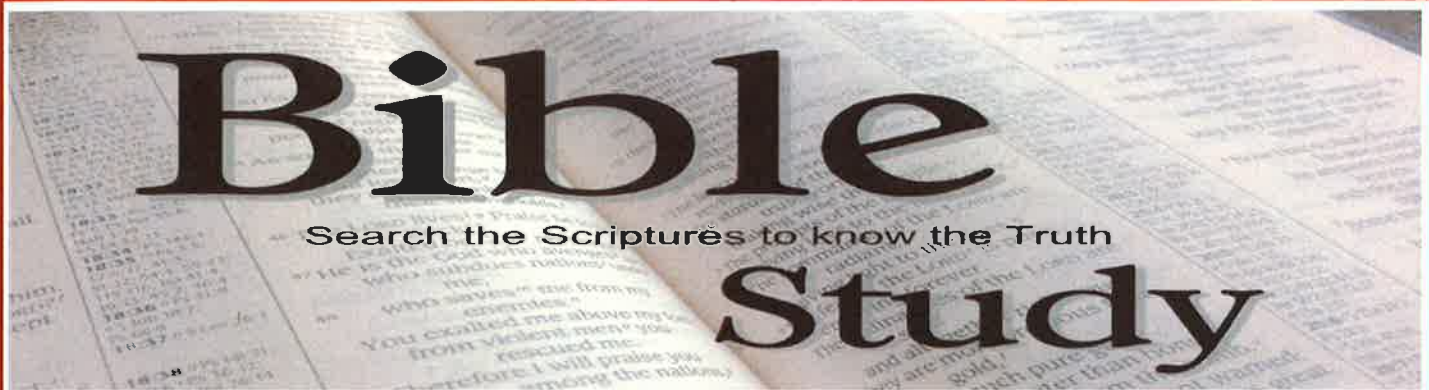
Dear Peace Memorial,

We rejoice to share that Luke Ganser has been received into the membership of our church during a special service on 4/11 in which he affirmed his faith in Jesus before our Session and received the sacrament of Baptism. We give thanks to God for His gracious work in Luke's life. Welcome to the family Luke!

Peace to you in Jesus our Lord. He is risen!

Pastor Aaron





Through February we will close our series through the book of Deuteronomy and being a new video series by Dr. R.C. Sproul entitled “**American Presbyterians and Revival: Lessons from the Nineteenth Century**”.

This series will look at the role of Presbyterian Christianity in American development in the 1800’s. Combining Scripture and a study of history will help unpack the complexities of the relationship between church and state and much of the modern misunderstandings regarding the role of faith with secular interests.

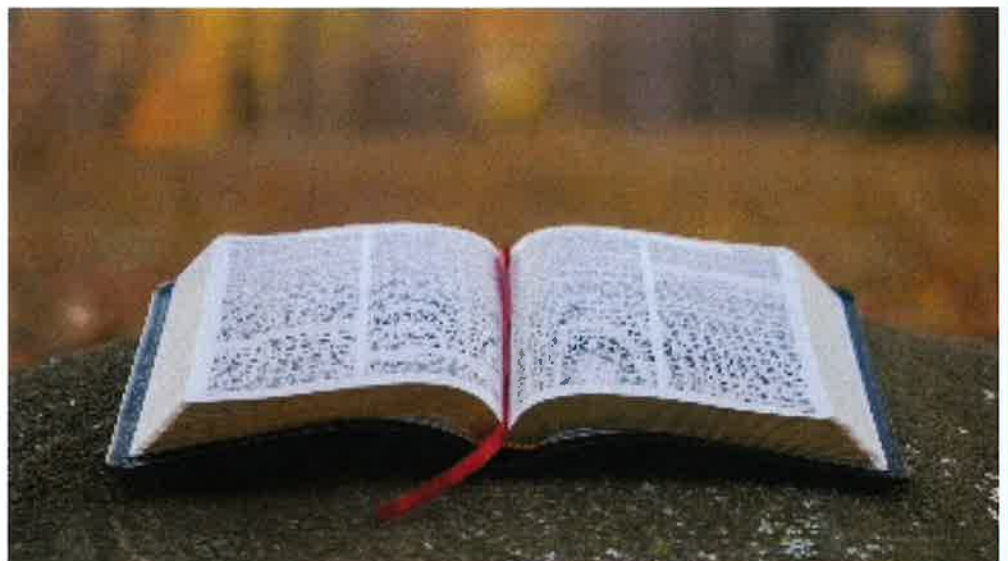
Sundays, 9-10am, Fireside room,
Discussion hosted by Pastor Aaron Beaty

Children’s and Youth Bible Classes

We are happy to announce that our Children’s and Youth Bible Classes will continue on Sundays through March during the 9:00 a.m. hour. Classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms.

These classes are an important part of our church’s ministry to our covenant children and youth. Through age-appropriate teaching, Scripture reading, and discussion, our goal is to help young people grow in their knowledge of God’s Word, understand the promises of the gospel, and learn what it means to follow Christ in daily life.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children a few minutes early to allow time for check-in and to help them settle into their classrooms. New families are especially welcome, and we are glad to assist anyone who needs help finding the appropriate class.



SMALL GROUPS WILL BE TAKING THEIR SPRING BREAK FOR TWO WEEKS (3/10



Small Groups are an important part of our life together as a congregation. They provide a setting where we can reflect more deeply on the Sunday sermon, study Scripture together, pray for one another, and encourage one another in faithful Christian living. In these smaller gatherings, we are reminded that God uses ordinary means—His Word, prayer, and Christian fellowship—to grow us in grace.

Whether you have been part of a Small Group for many years or are considering joining one for the first time, this is an excellent time to reconnect. Here are our current small groups:

Men’s Group: Tuesday mornings 9am, Red Rooster on 6th. (Breakfast)

Women’s Group: Tuesdays, 10am-12, Fireside room (Sermon Discussion)

King’s Group: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30, Fireside Room (Sermon Discussion)

Goode Group: Tuesdays 3:00-5:00, Stephen & Sharron Goode’s House
(Sermon Discussion)

If you are not currently connected to a Small Group and would like to be, we warmly invite you to participate. Please contact the church office or speak with pastor Aaron an elder for more information.

(541) 884-5057

Men’s Breakfast: Tuesdays, 9am, Red Rooster Diner, 6th St.

Jim Zeller, 541-274-1942



Women’s Missionary Group:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays,

12:30-2 Fireside Room

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Stewardship & Finance Committee

March 2026

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$20,374.48
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$14,967.62</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$5,406.86
YTD /Net:.....	\$3,440.91
Checking 3/31/26:.....	\$58,036.62
Money Market 3/31/26:.....	\$37,524.09
Edward Jones CD 3/31/26:..	\$22,058.46
Edward Jones MM 3/31/26:	\$37,599.99
TOTAL 3/31/26:.....	\$154,731.69

Expenses in March beyond regular operations: Software/Microsoft office, office equipment/printer, Presbytery and General Assembly askings. and Evangelism donations.

The annual in-house audit for 2025 was completed on April 10, 2026, and it went very well. Audit report is done and distributed to Session and Finance Committee members. Many thanks to those who donated their time for this task.

-Kathy Todd -Treasurer



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Got yarn?? The recently established Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 -11:30a.m. on **3rd Wednesdays** in the Fireside room.

The devotional prayer focus is on Hope. Hope for Christ's active presence to touch the shawl creators and shawl recipients. Prayer shawls are a tangible representation of God's unending love & presence. They provide comfort and joy. Do you crochet or knit or have always wanted to.....we can teach you. Need a pattern? We have patterns! While shawls are worked on during our fellowship together they can also be done at home as well .Consider joining the group! We will be working to build up an inventory of shawls for our congregational needs & for new mothers over the next 2 months. ***The goal is to have a prayer shawl blessing in late March. Contact Cheryl Paletz for more information!***

*****Our friends at First Presbyterian donated several bags of yarn for this ministry*****

May 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1 Office Closed	2
3 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Communion	4	5 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Women's Small 2:30pm King Group 3:00pm Goode Group	6 2:30pm Peace Ringers Practice 3:30pm Peace Singers Practice	7 10:30am Missions & Outreach	8 Office Closed 9:00am RUMMAGE SALE	9 9:00am RUMMAGE SALE
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!! 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	11	12 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Women's Small 2:30pm King Group 3:00pm Goode Group	13 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:30pm Peace Ringers 3:30pm Peace Singers	14	15 Office Closed	16
17 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	18 12:00pm Session 1:00pm Building & Grounds 4:00pm	19 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Women's Small 11:00am Discipleship Mtg 2:30pm King Group	20 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group (Fireside Rm) 2:30pm Peace Ringers 3:30pm Peace Singers	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	25 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!!!!	26 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Women's Small 2:30pm King Group 3:00pm Goode Group	27 Articles due to the office 12:30pm Women's 2:30pm Peace Ringers 3:30pm Peace Singers	28	29 Office Closed	30
31 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6



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"Oh, taste and see
that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the one who takes
refuge in Him!"
-Proverbs 34:8

Sermons for May:

DAVID

- 5/3- King David III
The True Friend
I Samuel 17:55-18:5
- 5/10- King David IV
The Discipline of Submission
I Samuel 24:1-22; 26:1-25
- 5/17- King David V
The Nation Reconciled
II Samuel 2:1-7; 5:1-16
- 5/24- King David VI
The Covenant of Messiah
II Samuel 7:1-17, 18-19
- 5/31- King David VII
The Failure and Victory of a King
II Samuel 11:1-15



DEACONS

- Paul King - Chair
- Debbie Grant
- Jocelyn Shellito
- Sharon Haddock
- Marie Gregory
- Noreen Rhoades

The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each month following worship.



SESSION/ELDERS

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| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Moderator |
| Geri Coker- | Mission |
| Kathy Todd- | Stewardship & Finance |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Sandi Deatherage- | Discipleship & Evangelism;
Clerk |
| Gary Scott- | Building & Grounds |

Session meets the 2nd Monday from 12-2.