



Mid-Week Update for the week of October 4 to 11, 2020

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Parking Lot Worship on October 11 – At 10:30 am!

We will have our October parking lot worship service this Sunday. It will be at 10:30 instead of 9:30, as the weather is cooling off. It will also be streamed live on Zoom and Facebook. *There will not be two separate services this week.*

Please remember:

1. **Be patient.** Cars will line up at the northern entrance. A greeter will meet you there, and direct you to where you should park. No one will park on the east side of the parking lot (near garbage cans) unless we have an extra-large turnout, and, if that is the case, you will be directed by the parking lot volunteers.

2. **Remain in your car.** Tune in to the service on your radio. (Those who do not have a car will be seated in the garden by ushers—only if you do not have a car.)

3. **Do not enter the church building.** If you have a bathroom *emergency*, you are asked to go in through the front door only. Please don't crowd around the doors to get anything; wait for the ushers to help you instead.

4. **Leave after the service is over.** After worship, you will be directed out of the parking lot. You are asked NOT to stay around and visit.

Please Note: Pastor Heidi on Leave

Heidi is still on vacation this week. She will be leading worship on Sunday, but she will not be running the weekly meetings. Our Seminarian Katrina Bergman will host the Zoom prayer group on Tuesday, the Calvin study on Wednesday, and the Bible study on Thursday. Any pastoral concerns can be directed to her. On Tuesday morning, Frank ended up in the ER with a high temperature. He was admitted, with a bacterial infection, and is expected to be there two nights. Praise God that it was not a virus,

but prayers are still needed. Please pray for his healing, his doctors, and Pastor Heidi as she navigates the stress of this complication.



Note from Caleb Dayebga

Hi all! I have been away for a while, the reason being that I have been in Oklahoma for some weeks since school moved online. I'm doing well in school, though taking 19 credits is not that easy but I'm staying strong. I came here since I don't really have time to work. My friend has a truck, and we go around picking up large appliances for people and I can take home some cash. It's mostly on Saturday and Sunday because I don't have classes on these days, but school is gradually coming to an end in two months. I hope you all are doing well!



A Day in the Life:, I Believe, by Katrina Bergman

What do you believe?
Could you express all
that in a written
statement of faith, one

page, single-spaced, and cover your beliefs about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, human nature and sin, grace, justification, sacraments, church, Scripture and the mission of the church? I am

sitting here as I type, chuckling to myself, because I know that Calvin's first attempt to do just that resulted in a small book approximately 500 pages long. His final attempt weighed in at about 1,500 pages long. And I get one page. Single-spaced.

This statement of faith is part of my move to becoming a Candidate and then, eventually, to ordination. And in all likelihood, all of you who have faced confirmation have likely had to do something similar. After all, that is what we are trying to do in the various confessions of our faith, like the opening line of the Apostles Creed below.

*"I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth."*

Along with my statement of faith I get to write an exegetical paper (exegesis is a critical explanation or interpretation of a text), a 10-minute sermon, and four essays on four the ordination questions of my choosing. For those of you wondering what is next for me as my time as an intern winds down, this is it.



Mission Update

This week, we received a letter from the Lake Street Council. They thank Peace Church for our very generous contribution of \$400. More than 70,000 individuals, foundations and corporations have responded to the call for recovery to help an estimated 400 businesses

that were damaged during the riots. They have begun a recovery program that they estimate will take about five years.

We also received a letter from our missionary in West Africa, Josh Heikkila. He reminds us of the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith, which explains that the Holy Spirit helps us to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

I thought this fit well with our Peace and Global Witness Offering. So far, we have collected \$1395. Thank you, Peace Church! There is still time to donate. Remember, 25% will stay with our church to be used in our community.

Worship Resources

You can click on this link to join the zoom meeting, for Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

You can join the meeting by opening the Zoom app and entering the **meeting ID 504-676-8135**.

To dial in, call 312-626-6799 (long-distance).

The meeting ID is 504-676-8135.

To watch previous worship recordings on our YouTube channel, go to

www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOa5jl8xld1VtI105h6ZRA/. They are also on our website at <https://www.peaceprez.com/worship-recordings/>. We will continue to post Sunday bulletins ahead of the service on our website at <https://www.peaceprez.com/news/publications/>



Prayers

This week, we offer the following prayers:

- Continuing prayers for all those who have recently undergone surgery: Frank Vardeman, Ron Abrahamson, Laura Simonson, and Eileen Bengry.
- For our country during this lead-up to an unprecedented election. We pray that everyone will be able to vote freely, fairly, and safely, and that we can come together in spite of political differences
- For all who are affected by the coronavirus, including those sickened by and it and scared by it.

If you have any prayer requests that you would like printed in the Mid-Week Update, please e-mail them to peaceprezslp@gmail.com or call the church office at 952-545-2586 and leave a message.

Calendar

If you would like to join these meetings but do not have internet access you can:

- Call 312-626-6799 (long-distance) at the meeting time, and enter **meeting ID 504-676-8135**
- Call the church beforehand at 952-545-2586 and leave a message, and we can set up a phone buddy for you

This Week:

Wednesday, October 7

11:00 am – Mission Group Meeting
7:00 pm – Calvin for Armchair Theologians on
Zoom, Class on Chapter Three

Thursday, October 8

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 11

10:30 am – Parking lot Worship service, also
live on Zoom and Facebook

Next Week:

Tuesday, October 13

10:30 am – Morning conversation and prayer,
on Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm – Calvin for Armchair Theologians on
Zoom, Discussion Class

Thursday, October 15

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:
Matthew
7:00 pm – Session Meeting

Sunday, October 18

10:30 am –Worship service, live on Zoom and
Facebook

Dennis Hovdenes	Oct. 13
Robin Councilman	Oct. 14
Susan Tolchiner	Oct. 17
Elizabeth Greene	Oct. 18
Jinny Hilf	Oct. 21
Jane Helsing	Oct. 24
Pat Wilson	Oct. 28

If You Have Information that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call peaceprezSLP@gmail.com or 952-545-2586.



October Birthdays

Everett Bacon

Oct. 7