

all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. His offspring shall endure forever, His throne as long as the sun before me. Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies." Selah  
Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

—*Psalm 89:30-37, 52; Hebrews 6:17-20, ESV*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*(please stand)*

The Heidelberg Catechism

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*(please stand)*

Genesis 17:1-27

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham,[c] for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." 9 And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not

circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." 15 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" 19 God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. 21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." 22 When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. 23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. 27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Deaconess Judy Jo

## SERMON

*The Almighty One Who Keeps Covenant*

Pastor Peter Pak

## SERMON NOTES

Build My Life

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Bible Reading Plan and Reading Groups:** How was week 1?
- **Fellowship Event: College Students**
  - Short notice: Pastor Peter would like to invite any college students to his house this afternoon for food and fellowship.
- **Loads of Love: January 15**
  - We are seeking to provide warm winter coats (and ski pants if possible) for any homeless attendees of Loads of Love. We will have donation bins in the back of the small sanctuary. Please do not donate anything other than winter jackets and ski pants.
- Reminder: **The Deacon's Fund** will be used to financially support and empower all those involved to move closer to a life that is image-bearing: living in the right relationship with God, self, others, and the rest of creation.
  - What type of help will be offered?
    - Relief: Urgent and temporary provision of emergency aid
    - Development: A process of ongoing change that moves all people involved closer to being in right relationships with God, self, others, and rest of creation
  - How to request help?
    - Email requests to: [BCPCEMDeaconsFund@gmail.com](mailto:BCPCEMDeaconsFund@gmail.com)
  - Note: Your request won't be shared with any other church members.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
  - For Kyoung-Hi Williams as she battles breast cancer; for effective treatment, for quick and full recovery, and for their family.
  - Pastor Peter will be taking a D.Min class at Westminster Seminary from Jan. 24-27.
  - Please continue to pray for Yun Keun and his family. [Yun Keun continues to need a match for bone marrow donor.](http://www.swabforyunkeun.com) For more information please visit: [www.swabforyunkeun.com](http://www.swabforyunkeun.com)

## Intercessory Prayer Schedule

- Jan. 15: Deacon Madison Williams
- Jan. 22: Elder Chris Choi
- Jan. 29: Deaconess Hue-Sun Ahn

Fighter Verse of the Week: 2 Chronicles 16:9

*[For] the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward Him.*

[We are on "Set Three" in the Fighter Verses Index]



BUCKS COUNTY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

January 8, 2023 - 11:00 AM

## CALL TO WORSHIP &amp; INVOCATION

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. It is God who made us; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

—Genesis 2:7; Psalm 100:3-4

## PRAISE

*(please stand)*

Sovereign  
Till I See You

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens. If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules, if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes,

—Psalm 89:26, 28-32, ESV

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules, if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness. I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. Once for