#### SERMON NOTES

# "Parable of the Wedding Feast"

Siby Varghese, preaching

Matthew 22:1-14

April 18, 2021

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please contact the church and one of the pastors or elders will be in touch.)



# **Presbyterian Church of Dresher**

# **APRIL 18, 2021**

Join us online here or on YouTube at 10am or 11:30am

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 6:3b

Holy, Holy, Holy

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Prayer of Confession** 

His Mercy is More

**Assurance of Pardon:** Roman's 8:1-4

**General Offering Invitation** 

**Missions Moment:** Chris B

**Congregational Prayer** 

**Sermon:** "Parable of the Wedding Feast"

Siby Varghese, preaching

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

**Benediction** 

You can give your tithes and offerings here or send checks to the church

New Life Presbyterian Church—https://newlifedresher.org/

#### WELCOME

### Welcome to New Life!

We're glad you're with us this morning. Our hope is that you'll learn more about what God has done for us through Jesus. If you are a guest, feel free to text "connect" to 215-607-8444 to let us know you're with us this morning. You can call the church to connect with our staff at 215-641-1100 or email newlife@newlifedresher.org.

Are you too busy? If your answer is "yes", you are likely too busy for Jesus. There are many good works to be done, many family and personal matters to attend to. In the eyes of the world, these look important, responsible, and honorable. Yet Jesus' invitation to a relationship with him goes out to many who appear to be messy or irresponsible with their lives and not quite as moral - maybe those we struggle to be in relationship with. What does it really take to be in a relationship with Jesus? How do we need to see ourselves and his call?

#### WORSHIP TODAY

## Worship Celebration

10am and 11:30am Online. Please Join us here or on YouTube.

"Parable of the Wedding Feast"
Matthew 22:1-14
Siby Varghese, preacher
Ward Shope, worship leader
Dave Hopping (10AM), Don Joos (11:30 AM), congregational prayer

Sunday Worship in person. We are now holding three worship services in our building. You must reserve your spot to attend each week. The "In Person Worship" button on our website takes you to the registration forms. We are providing childcare and Sunday School at the 10am hour. Please use this separate form to register them.

We continue to seek volunteers for Sunday mornings, especially childcare. Please use this form if you are able to help, or for other opportunities.

# GENERAL OFFERING STATS AS OF APRIL 11, 2021

	PREVIOUS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Needed:	\$29,876	\$448,140
Received:	\$25,605	\$354, 089

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Best wishes to **Andrew and Shannon Colpitts** on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Eowyn Colpitts, who was born on April 5, 2021.

To provide additional opportunities, we are holding **3 in-person worship services** at 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am. **Livestreaming** will be at the 10am and 11:30am service. **Childcare and Sunday School** for infants through 5th grade will be held at the 10am hour. Register your children <u>here</u>. We will continue to reserve seating and hold to safety protocols during these services.

**Kids Clubs**(4-5pm) **JH Youth** (5:30-6:45pm), **and SH Youth** (7-8:30pm) will meet today, **SH Sunday school** will meet this morning at 10am in person and on Zoom.

Children in K-5th grade and their mothers or guardians are invited to join us for a **Mother/Daughter Day Retreat on May 8** at Haycock Camp. Register <a href="here">here</a>. Contact Beth Anne for more information.

**The Women's Retreat will be held at the church on May 14-15.** Our theme for this year is "Songs of Solace and Sorrow: Life Stories Told through the Psalms." Join us at the New Life building for spiritual renewal and time to deepen relationships. Registration begins April 11 here.

**A Memorial Service for Marian Schilling** will be held at New Life on April 24 at 10am. If you would like to join the Myers family, please register <u>here</u>.

Discover the one secret that will change your marriage. **Vertical Marriage** is a one day virtual conference using material and videos developed by <u>Family Life</u>. Cost is \$14 for the guide book. Please sign up <u>here</u>. Contact <u>Dawn</u> for more information.

The Resurrection Offering to date is \$72,843
Thank you for your overwhelming generosity!!!

## **OUTREACH FOCUS— CHRIS**

Chris is serving in North Africa:

- Pray for the "seeds & sprouts" of connections we are making here that we hope will ripen into harvestable Kingdom fruit.
- Pray For our team, as many comings & goings are happening, for grace, unity, & vision as we walk alongside each others' excitement & grief.
- In early May (8th-13th) I will visit a family I've shared the Good News with during the weeks of fasting. Please, lift up that time as you are led.