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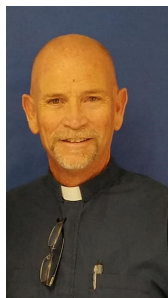
Words of Faith

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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*

From the Pastor



September is a classic transitional month. Summer is ending and Fall is beckoning, except in Texas. We still have several more weeks of heat! What will Fall bring forth this year? Has the Delta variant of COVID peaked? Or, is the worst still to come? Will it be a safer fall compared to last year? Or, will it be even more

uncertain? Will the booster shots be yet another “game changer”? Or, will there be another variant that causes concern? Will we get to ditch the masks? Will the Bears and the Cowboys meet in the NFC Championship game? Uncertainty continues unabated, which means our grief and burden of this wilderness journey continues.

Psalms 146 is the first of the last five psalms that form the conclusion to the entire book of Psalms. Each of those psalms begin and end with “Hallelujah”, traditionally translated “Praise the Lord.” Like the rest of the concluding psalms, Psalm 146 is a psalm of defiance. In the face of challenge, the psalmist dares to praise the Lord. This can be a model for our prayer this fall.

Psalms 146 expresses trust, dependence, and hope in God. The psalmist exposes the inadequacy and vanity of human resources and deliverance. Yes, we need the science community to overcome COVID. Yes, we need our leaders to make the wise choices for the common good. However, our hope lies in God.

As we read through, or pray, this psalm, I notice the abundance of action verbs. God is the subject for all these verbs. God made heaven and earth, keeps faith, executes justice, gives food, sets free, opens eyes, lifts up the bowed, loves the righteous, watches over, and upholds. All these verbs, except for the first one, are in

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

the present tense. God is a God that chooses to be intimately present and active in our midst. All these actions are rescues of beleaguered persons. This inspires the psalmist to hope and praise for rescue in the future.

The ultimate source of hope for the psalmist is the eternal reign of the kingdom of God. God is greater than all evil, greater than our sin, greater than whatever challenge is before us. God is greater than even death, as the death and resurrection of Jesus attest. The victory of Christ invites us to accept our dependence on God, gives us hope, and empowers us to trust.

As a seasoned Bear fan, I fully expect the Bears to stumble at some point this fall. I don’t know about the Cowboys. The questions about COVID will be answered as we persevere and keep going in this wilderness journey. Yet,

The Lord will reign forever, your God,

O People of God, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 146:10

I hope to see you soon, either in-person, or on-line on Facebook. Later in the day (each Sunday) the service will be uploaded to the church’s YouTube channel. If you like our Facebook page or subscribe to our YouTube channel you will always get notices about new offerings!

Let me know of any needs. I am readily available for visits. Let’s continue to choose love, kindness, and compassion, do justice, make peace, accept the stranger, and persevere in prayer, as we seek to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Ken

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Outreach & Evangelism

Debbie Rainier

Peace & Global Witness—Special Offerings The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers—at all times in all ways.

When is it received? The season for this offering is September 5 to October 3 (World Communion Sunday) but can be received at any time during the year.

How is my gift used? A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. 25% of the Offering stays with FUPC to be donated to a peacemaking organization of our choosing and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. You may donate directly via check, please note **"PGW offering"** in the memo section. If you give online please note, "for PGW offering" when you designate your gift to the "General Fund."



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— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

North Dallas Shared Ministries—Employment needs

PART TIME PAID POSITION:

North Dallas Shared Ministries has an immediate need for a part-time medical clinic scheduler. Seeking an individual with basic computer typing skills who can communicate with clients in a friendly and professional manner on the phone while scheduling appointments. No medical experience necessary but must speak and understand basic conversational Spanish. Hours are 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact marcus.hurt@UTSouthwestern.edu or 214-358-8725.



VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS:

NDSM has an immediate need for volunteer health care professionals, including pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians and retirees to help administer COVID-19 vaccine (2,200 doses administered so far). NDSM follows strict COVID protocol and will provide all applicable training and oversight. Volunteer scheduling is flexible during medical clinic hours of 7am to 7pm Monday-Friday. Contact marcus.hurt@UTSouthwestern.edu or 214-358-8725.

FULL TIME PAID POSITION:

North Dallas Shared Ministries is seeking a full-time administrative assistant to the executive director. Successful candidate must be a self-starter and able to work with minimal supervision. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office and Excel, possess excellent problem solving and communication skills and be customer service focused. Send resume to judy@ndsm.org

Happy Birthday!

September 2

* Dave Youngstrum

September 3

* Jessica Stottlemeyer

September 5

* Patsy Craig

September 7

* Billie Jones

September 8

* Phil Kretchmar

September 10

* Nadine Moser

September 13

* Stephanie Booth

September 17

* Ila Post

September 26

* Katie Miller

* Debbie Rainier



Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ John Marxer
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

Next newsletter is October 2021. Deadline for articles, Friday, September 17. Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.



Worship services are available In-Person, via Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel. Worship resources available at www.FaithUnited-pc.com



Weekly Bible Study class

Rich Lewis

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They continue their study of the Gospel of Luke and have returned to their classroom. Since there is limited fellowship opportunities before worship they currently meet from 9:45 until 10:45. Rich looks forward to seeing you soon.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	1 9:30 LTCDS #1	2	3 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	4 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
5 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	6 Church Office Closed Labor Day 7 pm GA-Room #2	7 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	8 9:30 LTCDS #1	9	10 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	11 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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