

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – December 31st, 2023 – 10:15am

HABITS OF GRACE IN THE NEW YEAR

Listening to God

Welcome: [Pastor Steve]

- Today we begin a 3-Sunday Sermon Series: “Habits of Grace in the New Year”
 - Listening to God’s voice – **Scripture** (Sunday, Dec 31st)
 - Speaking to God – **Prayer** (Sunday, Jan 7th)
 - Joining together with God’s people – **Fellowship** (Sunday, Jan 14th)
- Today as we consider *listening to God’s voice*, let us praise Christ. May we treasure and praise His sufficient Word.

Scripture Call to Worship: John 6:49-51 [Pastor Steve]

⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Prayer: Thankfulness for Christ, the Bread of Life. [Pastor Steve]

GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Congregational Song: All Glory be to Christ [Sing stanzas]

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

TREASURE GOD'S SUFFICIENT WORD

Congregational Song: How Firm A Foundation [Sing 3 stanzas]

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said—
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

PRAISE GOD'S SUFFICIENT WORD – (Psalm 119:89-112) [Pastor Bernie]

- Psalm 119 includes 22 sections. Each section contains 8 verses. All 22 sections give praise to God's sufficient Word.
- Psalm 119:89-112 contains 3 of the 22 8-verse stanzas in this magnificent Psalm. We'll read each of these sections. Following each stanza, we'll sing a song which reflects the content of that stanza.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:89-96 (LAMEDH) [Pastor Bernie]

Lamedh

⁸⁹Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
⁹⁰Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
⁹¹By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.
⁹²If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
⁹³I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
⁹⁴I am yours; save me,
for I have sought your precepts.
⁹⁵The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,
but I consider your testimonies.
⁹⁶I have seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Congregational Song: Forever Your Word is Established in Heaven – LAMEDH (Kresmer)
[Sing all 3 stanzas – song sheet available]

Forever Your word is established in heaven;
To all generations, You faithful remain.
As earth is established upon Your firm foundation,
Your judgments, they are sure; over all things You reign.

Had I not delighted in all Your commandments,
Then I would have perished in all my distress.
But You have revived me; Your precepts, they have saved me,
For I have sought Your ways, and I shall not forget.

The wicked have waited and hoped to destroy me,
But I meditate and consider Your ways.
Though there is a limit to all earthly perfection,
The breadth of Your commands is exceedingly great.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:97-104 MEM [Pastor Joel]

Mem

- ⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.
⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,^[h]
for I keep your precepts.
¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.
¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

Congregational Song: O How I Love Your Law – MEM (Tera Beata) [Sing all stanzas]

Oh how I love Your law;
I meditate all day.
Your word is wiser than my foes,
So I hold to Your ways.
Your word has made me learn
What teachers cannot give.
I understand more than the aged,
For by Your words I live.

I keep my feet from wrong
That I might know Your word;
I shall not turn from Your commands,
For You have taught me, Lord.
Your promises are sweet,
Like honey to my soul!
I turn from every evil way;
Your words have made me whole.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105-112 (NUN) [Congregation/Leader]

Nun

LEADER:

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.

CONGREGATION:

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!

¹⁰⁸ Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.

LEADER:

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

CONGREGATION:

¹¹¹ Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

Congregational Song: Your Word, A Light Unto My Path - NUN (New Britain)

Your word, a light unto my path,
A lamp unto my feet.
My soul has sworn, and will confirm
Your righteous ways to keep.

In my affliction, give me life
According to Your word;
Accept the offer of my praise,
And teach Your law, O Lord.

This world brings danger to my soul,
Yet I uphold Your way.
The wicked lay a snare for me;
I shall not go astray.

Your promise, my inheritance;
With joy, my heart ascends!
I set my heart to keep Your word
From now until the end.

Instrumental Solo: I Need Thee Every Hour/Speak O Lord [Grant Olson]

Dismiss Children 3yr-K5

Message: Listening to God's voice – Scripture [Pastor Steve]

Congregational Song: A Christians Daily Prayer [Sing all 3 stanzas – song sheets available]

As morning dawns and day awakes
To You I bring my need
O gracious God, my source of strength
In You I live and breathe
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned
Each deed empowered by sovereign hands
Renew my spirit, help me stand
Be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will
In all of life's demands
And though the tempter tries me still
I cling to Your commands
Let every effort of my life
Display the matchless worth of Christ
Make me a living sacrifice
Be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here
And though my strength fades like the light
New mercies will appear
I rest in You; abide with me
Until our trials and suffering
Give way to final victory
Be glorified, today

Announcements: [Pastor Bernie]

New Year's Eve Event – Tonight, beginning at 6:00pm

Sunday, January 7th

- Morning – Part 2 of our Sermon Series on Habits of Grace for the New Year – Focus on Talking to God (Prayer) – Also be in prayer for the church vote regarding the building.
- Evening – Prayer Emphasis at 6:00pm.