



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer  
May 16, 2021

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:11-14

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together, old men and children! <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God #92*

*1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great;  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

*2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.*

*3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.*

*4. That Word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.*

Invocation

## Responsive Reading

Genesis 2:15, Revelation 12:12, Romans 16:20

Leader (Gen. 2:15): The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

**People (Rev. 12:12): Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"**

**All (Rom. 16:20): The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

## Lesson

Steve Light, Associate Minister

### Daniel 8 – Look Forward to the Breaking of Wickedness (By No Human Hand)

In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. <sup>2</sup> And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal. <sup>3</sup> I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. <sup>4</sup> I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

<sup>5</sup> As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. <sup>7</sup> I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power. <sup>8</sup> Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

<sup>9</sup> Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. <sup>10</sup> It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. <sup>11</sup> It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. <sup>12</sup> And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?" <sup>14</sup> And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

<sup>15</sup> When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. <sup>16</sup> And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." <sup>17</sup> So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."

<sup>18</sup> And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. <sup>19</sup> He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. <sup>20</sup> As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. <sup>22</sup> As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. <sup>23</sup> And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. <sup>24</sup> His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. <sup>25</sup> By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. <sup>26</sup> The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

<sup>27</sup> And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

## Hymn

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen #211*

*1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;*

### *Refrain:*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*2. From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. Refrain*

*3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." Refrain*

*4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:  
And went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find. Refrain*

## Season of Prayer

*Children and youth may be dismissed at this time through the front sanctuary doors (adjacent to the stage) to go to their classes on the third floor.*

### Prayers of Adoration and Confession

*Daniel 2:20-21 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. (21) He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

*Daniel 7:27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'*

#### **For our prayer life as a church, as families, as individuals.**

1. That we would pray with the fervency and expectancy of true Israel: *I will not let you go unless you bless me*, Genesis 32:26
2. That we would pray for the raising up of laborers: Luke 10:2 *And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*
3. For a constant dependence upon the Lord. *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.* (Proverbs 3:5-6)
4. For spiritual strength in the warfare we fight through prayer: Eph 6:18 *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*
5. For the expansion of our gospel witness here in Tampa
6. Ingathering of all tribes and languages and peoples and nations

#### **Josiah and Miriam Walters in Chad:**

Planning to move north of the capital city: If the Lord wills, Josiah will be able to return to N'Djamena after about a week to accompany the whole family up to the new house. In this regard, please pray for safety in these travels, that Josiah wouldn't be hassled too much by officials as he travels with our belongings, and that God would sustain and protect Miriam and the children with Josiah away for a week.

Miriam's dad has been improving rapidly over the last couple weeks. He is off the ventilator now (though still with a trache collar), is able to talk, has regained a lot of hand and arm motion, and is able to eat and drink. This has been a great relief to us all, especially to Miriam, and we praise God for his mercy in granting Miriam's dad recovery.

### **For the Needs of the Saints**

1. Hal and Becky Wells as they grieve the loss of Hal's mother. They are rejoicing that she was a Christian and is with her Savior.
2. Ritchey Family – Moved to Arkansas last week
3. Thanksgiving for our recent staffing developments –
  - a. Morgan Willborn – working part-time in the HTPC office as Receptionist and Missions Coordinator
  - b. Youth Ministry Hires – Elizabeth Eudaly and Mondy Flores as summer interns; also Cas Willborn and Carl Fisher, and a few others willing to help us with this ministry this summer in James' absence
4. Jeff Endrulat's mother Shirley Hollenbaugh is fighting is likely in her last days. She is thankfully a believer. Please pray for Jeff and Beth as they care for her during this difficult time.
5. Vania Palmer suffered a head injury at work. Please continue praying for recovery and financial provision.
6. Pray for J.R. Ward and his father.
7. Don Bennett's mother Marlene (cancer) and father Don, and Don and Hope as they care for them.
8. Pregnant mothers in our congregation
9. For an end to the pandemic and for strength and comfort for those who are struggling in the pandemic with job loss, financial stress, illness, isolation, hopelessness, anger, or bitterness.

### **Sermon Notes**