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Woe To The Shepherds

The Days Are Surely Coming Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord
with gladness, come into his presence with singing.**

P: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme
head of the church, his body.

**C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with
praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us p. 381UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*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.*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 46 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

L: ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult. *Selah*

C: ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the

holy habitation of the Most High.

L: ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

C: ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

L: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

C: ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

L: ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

C: ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

ALL: ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Hymn – O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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Old Testament Reading– Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSVue)

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and

deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Sermon – *Woe To The Shepherds*

Closing Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy

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Benediction & Commission

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God’s love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always. Go in peace, and may God’s peace be with you. Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning November 24th – 1st Sunday of Advent 2025

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

Announcements

- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** - The church decorating day will be tomorrow, November 24th starting at 9 AM. Please join us for this most festive of occasions as we turn the church into a beautiful Christmas tribute to Christ. All help will be appreciated as there will be something doable for everyone, not to mention the fellowship and maybe even a tasty treat or two.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Sherry Doub
Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Joe Dean
Mack Edwards
Mary File
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel
Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Mark Wall
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

November Birthdays

David Disher	3	Rodney Horne	23
Lynn Gough Horne	15	Barbara Hutchins	23
Angela Luck	18	Jake Disher	25
Franklin Dalton	19	Landon Pellington	27
Carolyn Disher	21	Reece Matthews	28

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!



SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?