

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nathalie Givens, Mike Goad, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of members: Mary Black, Darren Engle (Keith McMurry's son-in-law), Martha Etzler Cam, Brad Hall (friend of Verna & Ed Shuey), Peggy Hughes, Elaine Kravnick, Laura Holt McCann, family of Patricia Mae Nicely (first cousin of Hi Nicely), Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)

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- ◆ Today's **Sermon theme** is based on "Jaber Crow", a novel by Wendell Berry.
- ◆ From Lori: "Thank you for generously supporting the **Greeting Card** project for Women and children in Nepal! Last Sunday, \$175 was raised and will be sent directly to the organization that provides food, shelter, counseling, and other essential services."
- ◆ **Shared Recipes**—If you are willing to share some of your favorite recipes, please email them to Patsy at psdicke@yahoo.com or leave a hard copy in a box labeled Recipes in the kitchen at the church. Patsy will start attaching one per month to the newsletter!
- ◆ **Fellowship Calendar**—Please check out the fellowship calendar downstairs in the Fellowship hall. We have a couple of open Sundays in the month of May. Thank you for following this call.
- ◆ Mark your calendars and plan on joining in the Bible study following the Book "**Twelve Extraordinary Women**, led by Lyn Burton. First meeting will be Tuesday, May 9 at 2:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under One License #A- 73950 The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #623 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; #638 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"; #540 "Take Time to be Holy"; #561 "Just a Closer Walk With Three"; Service Music: "To God Be the Glory" Crosby/Doane; "There Was Jesus" Williams/Smith; "Cavatina Op. 85 No. 3" J. Raff (1862); "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" C Goundod

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby / Doane

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 55:6,7)

One: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near:

**Many: let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts:**

One and let them return unto the Lord,
and he will have mercy upon them;

Many: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Invocation

2 Cents A Meal

Hymn: *"Will you Let me be Your Servant"*

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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Hymn: # 623

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Call to Confession:

One: This is the word of the Lord: All those whom I love I correct
and discipline.

**Many: See, I stand knocking at the door. If you listen to my voice
and open the door, I will go into your house and dine with
you, and you with me**

All: Let us open our hearts to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God our Father,

We have done wrong, and do not deserve to be called your children. We have turned from your way, and been taken in by our own desires. We have not loved neighbors as you commanded. Have mercy on us, Lord, Have mercy on us, and forgive us; for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have
mercy upon us. 823

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

One: Let us forgive one another.

Many The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all! Amen!

Gloria Patri: **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.**

#805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lori Turner Solo

"There Was Jesus"

Williams / Smith

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pages 544,545) Psalm 145:13-20a

Hymn: #638 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 940) Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon: *"When You Are Praying . . ."*

Moment for Meditation *"Cavatina Op. 85 No. 3"*
J. Raff (1862)

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #540(Vs 1-3) *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #561

Just a Closer Walk With Thee (Refrain)

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.

Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Postlude:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

C. Gounod



Calendar of Events:

Planned Office hours for week 05/07/2023: Tuesday 9:00-2:00,

Wednesday 9:00 to 2:00; Thursday 9:00—3:00

Sunday, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

2¢ A Meal Sunday

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Duty Elders: Fred Coots and Jim Porter

Fellowship: P. Dickerson

Tuesday, May 9

Bible Study: Twelve Extraordinary Women, led by Lyn Burton, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Mother's Day

Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Lynne Bolton

Fellowship:

Tuesday, May 16

Historic Fincastle, Fellowship Hall, 4:00-7:30

Sunday, May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Lynne Bolton

Fellowship: P. Vari

Tuesday, May 23

Happy Birthday Cindy Bailey!

Endowment Meeting 4:00pm Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24

Happy Birthday Eric McGraw!

Thursday, May 25

Session—7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 26

Happy Birthday, Joel Branscom



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The Story Behind

Take Time to Be Holy

William d. Longstaff

William Longstaff was born the son of a wealthy English ship owner and was raised financially secure and independent. Even with this wealthy background he was known to be a humble and devout Christian layman. He was a close friend and supporter of the moody-Sankey evangelistic team that stirred England with great revival campaigns during the late 19th century.

After hearing a sermon on 1 Peter 1:15,16 “But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’ ” with a reference from the book of Leviticus from which it was originally taken, young William began to make the achievement of holiness his life’s goal.

Although this was his only hymn, these words have since been an invaluable influence for sincere believers everywhere who truly desire to live a genuine Christian life.



The Story behind: Precious Lord Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

Thomas A. Dorsey grew up in Georgia as a “preacher’s kid.” As he began to be successful as a composer of jazz and blues songs, he drifted away from God. After it seemed to him that he was miraculously spared in brushes with death, Dorsey came back to the Lord. As his life dramatically changed he began to write gospel songs and to sing in church services. It was during a revival meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, that he received a telegram telling the tragic news that his wife and newly born son had both died.

Stunned and grief-stricken, Dorsey cried, “God, you aren’t worth a dime to me right now!” But then he cried to his Lord to lead him “through the storm, through the night.”

A few weeks later, as he set at the keyboard of a piano, fingering a familiar tune, he created the lines of “Precious Lord” to fit that tune. The following Sunday the Choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in south Chicago, Illinois, sang the new song with Thomas playing the accompaniment. “It tore up the church!”

God continued to lead Thomas by the hand until he had written more than 250 gospel songs. He once stated, “My business is to try to bring people to Christ instead of leaving them where they are. I write for all of God’s people. All people are my people. What I share with people is love. I try to lift their spirits and let them know that God still loves them. He’s still saving, and He can still give that power.”

Psalm 145:13-20a

¹³Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and thy dominion endures throughout all
generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.^[a]

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to thee,
and thou givest them their food in due
season.

¹⁶Thou openest thy hand,
thou satisfiest the desire of every living
thing.

¹⁷The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfils the desire of all who fear him,
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him;

Matthew 6:5-15

5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread;

12 And forgive us our debts,

As we also have forgiven our debtors;

13 And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

#623 Sweet Hour of Prayer

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known:
in seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer

2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
thy wings shall my petition bear,
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
and since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

#638 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,
let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me
on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord,
linger near,
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest
I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears and the night
draws near, and the day is past and gone
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my
hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

#540 Take Time to be Holy

1 Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his Word.
Make friends of God's children;
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

2 Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone;
by looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

3 Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow
still follow thy Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his Word.

#561 Just a Closer Walk With Thee (Refrain)

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear lord, let it be.