

Praise the Lord

If someone said, "Tell me why you are crazy about God," I could bring out Psalm 111 as a model of why I revere and have fallen in love with God. Filled with wonder and joy, the psalmist begins with, "Praise the Lord!" or "halelu yah" in Hebrew. The psalm describes the glorious works of creation and God's deeds of redemption, mercy, compassion, honesty, and justice. The psalm is an acrostic, each line beginning with one of the 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet.

For me, the fact that God is constantly reaching out to all people with pro-active love in spite of our lack of belief or deeds is beautiful. In Methodist circles, we call this "prevenient grace." We also praise God for the grace we receive when we accept God's mercy and turn from trying to prove we are worthy, or justifying ourselves before God. We call this "justifying grace." When we say, "Yes!" to God, our hearts become open to be transformed by God into deeper holiness, exhibiting the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22). We call this process "sanctifying grace."

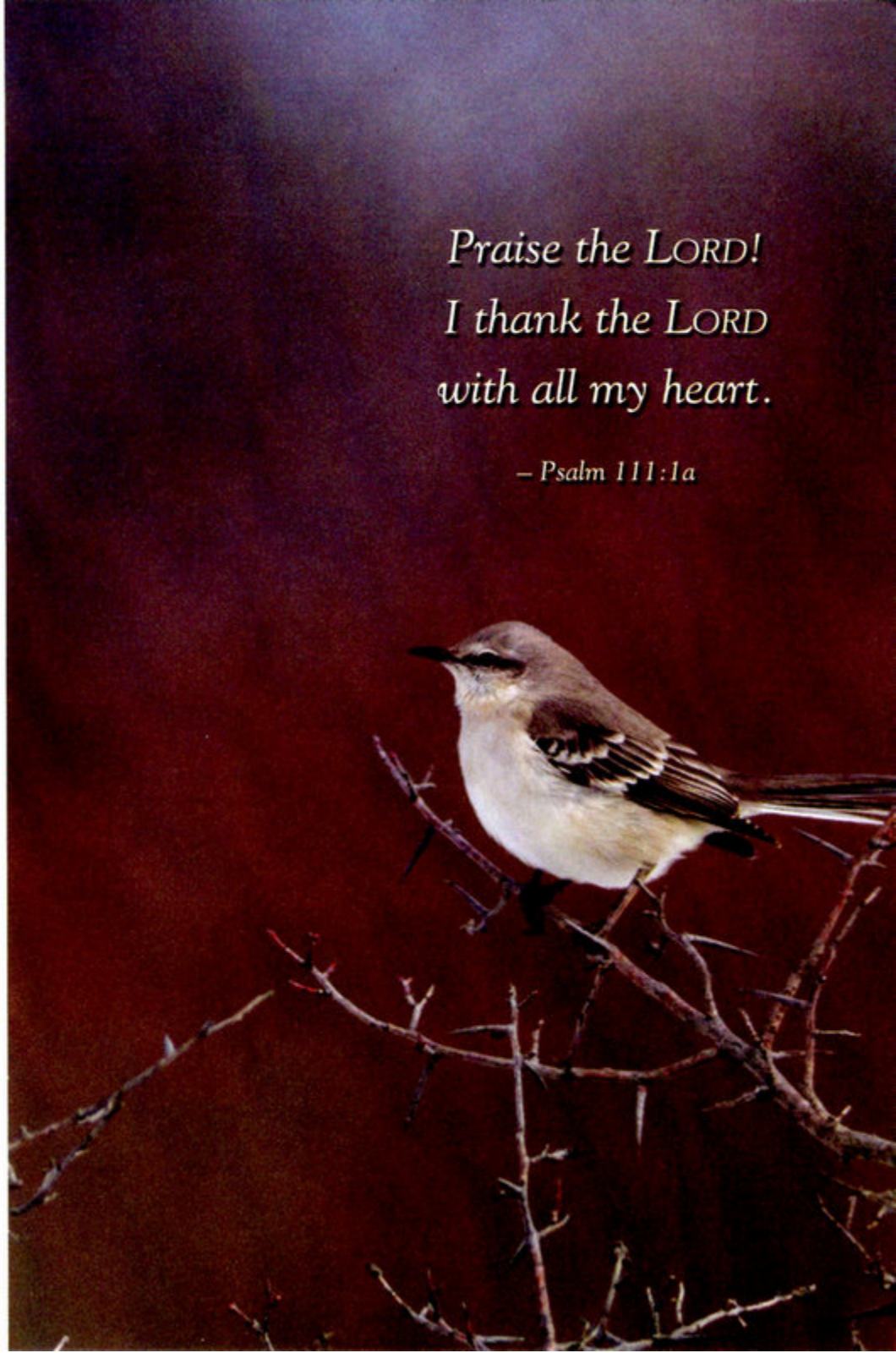
There is power when our lives demonstrate the fruits of the spirit. What would happen if people outside our churches experienced the love, kindness, and generosity of church members? One of the greatest ways to "praise the Lord" is for our lives to demonstrate the grace God offers us to others. In his *Apologeticum* (39:7), Tertullian observed what people noticed about the early Christians: "See how they love one another." Maybe people will say that about us.

If you were to write a reason to praise God using each letter of the alphabet, what would you write?

—Dale Clem

*Praise the LORD!
I thank the LORD
with all my heart.*

— Psalm 111:1a



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02-02 Letty and Bill Husson 2-04 Margene and Bill Vandergriff
02-14 Ann and Todd Hicks, Sally and John Suberati
02-24 Anne and John Seely 02-25 Jackie and Ron Pozsonyi
02-27 Ellie and Robert Antoine

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

01-29 Richard Van Veen 02-05 Ethel Lollis
02-06 Ivy Sabatini 02-09 Linda Metcalf
02-10 Walker Hamilton 02-13 John Bardoni, Gary Landin
02-13 Bill Trainer 02-15 Ron Garner

Please check your calendar and see if you are free to greet/usher and/or read the gospel. See sign-up sheet on the sanctuary board or contact **Angie Harting at 843.705.0917**

Please notify Jane Disney by **noon** on **THURSDAY**, any prayer requests, announcements, anniversaries or birthdays to be placed in the bulletin. jabdisney@gmail.com 843.707.1764

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH MEMBERS

Nancy Adkins	George Batten	Jean/Doug Corkern
Verna Crosby	Marcia/Ron Garner	Adeline/Al Gibson
Eddie Goldfinch	Todd Hicks	John Hubbard
Marge Kirwan	Kathie Leonard	Carolyn Ransier
Gail Rogers	Emily Simmons	Jane Slayton
Carol Vineyard	Shirley Wissman	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Richard, brother of Skip Blymiller
Susan, daughter of Ethel Lollis
Diane Manning, wife of Jim Manning's nephew
Cindy Phinney, sister of Richard Smith
Vonnie and Ellis Stearns, parents of Angie Harting
Rosemary DeLucca, sister of John Suberati
Duane & Celesta Warner, brother/sister-in-law of Mildred Schildkamp
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany
Victoria Thompson, a friend's daughter of Angie Harting
Howard Wick, son of Jane and Jerry Wick
Lynn Boate, friend of Marcia Garner
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Karen Roehl, friend of Bill Trainer
Mongin Smyly, father of Joy Preveaux
Nancy, sister of Dottie Apgar
Mary and Bob Burns, friends of Dottie Apgar
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie and John Baldauf
Carl, brother of Joann Sandruck
Jim McCarthy friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith
Pete Ender friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith

Verna Crosby is at NHC, Room 303. Visits, calls, cards and prayers are all appreciated.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7:30 PM **AA Meeting**
 Wednesday – 10:30 AM **Al-Anon Meeting**
 Thursday – 7-8 PM **Women's Candlelight AA Group**

I will be in the office Tuesday, January 30th from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. Feel free to drop by.
Rev. Brian

We will be rekeying the locks to both the sanctuary and fellowship hall in the near future. Let me know if you need keys. I can be contacted at jim_seymore@usa.com or 843.368.9722.

Jim Seymore

The Trustees needs your help! We need to update the www.FindaGrave.com website by documenting and taking pictures of our graveyard/cemetery markers. We also want to update our personal church records.

Joy Preveaux has agreed to tackle this daunting task. Helpers are needed to achieve these goals. If you are able and willing to update and document our history, please contact her at jpreveaux40@gmail.com or [1.843.563.1886](tel:18435631886) to be added to the list by **Monday, February 5th**.

We would like to accomplish this before the weather becomes too hot; once a list of helpers is determined she will contact you to set up an organizational date. Thank you in advance for your help and service with this area of need.

Jim Seymore

DONATION to The PPI Fund in memory of Jerry Ruble is given by June Hamilton.

I will be holding a Lenten Study during the season of Lent on "24 Hours That Changed the World."

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in attending. The cost of the book is \$10 and a few extra have been ordered.

The study is six weeks in length and will begin on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 and end on March 20th.

Rev. Brian

Lenten Schedule

Community Lenten Services will be held at 12:00 Noon as listed below:
 A light meal will be served after the service.

Wednesday	Host Church	Host Pastor	Proclaiming Pastor
Feb. 14- Ash	Lowcountry Presbyterian	Rev. Chris Herrin	Rev. Brian Preveaux
Feb. 21	Lord of Life Lutheran	Rev. Rick Klotz	TBD
Feb. 28	Bluffton United Methodist	Rev. Becky McCorkendale	TBD
Mar. 7	St. Luke's United Methodist	Rev. Brian Preveaux	Rev. Joey McDonald
Mar. 14	Campbell Chapel AME	Rev. Dr. Jon R. Black	Rev. Rick Klotz
Mar. 21	Church of the Palms	Rev. Pete Berntson	Rev. Dr. Jon R. Black

St. Luke's will be hosting the Lenten Service and light lunch on Wednesday, March 7th at Noon. Watch for sign-up sheets for helping with meal preparation and serving.

FIRST SUNDAY..... FEBRUARY 4th at the conclusion of each service, baskets will be available for your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (instead of leaving coins on the altar rail). Individuals seeking these donations sometimes need assistance with housing, food and medical expenses.

ALSO, FIRST SUNDAY... FEBRUARY 4th we will be collecting pantry items for the local food bank as part of our First Sunday Food Mission. The Food Pantry always needs cereals, rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. If you are free to help deliver this month, please sign up, and we will happily help load your vehicle. A volunteer at BSH will unload your vehicle. Thank you for helping to restock the shelves.

Looking for someone to make goalposts for our First Sunday Food Collection in Feb. We will place them out on the grass in front of the Fellowship Hall, weather permitting, or inside if inclement. You can place your First Sunday Food donations between the goal posts of YOUR team. It will be fun to see by the end of Coffee, which team has the most donations. Please contact Lois Willig [843-304-1086](tel:843-304-1086) or [843-705-5725](tel:843-705-5725) if you might be able to make the goal posts for the two teams. Thank You

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND is the Men's Breakfast at O'Katie Clubhouse at 8:00 AM.

FRESH FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY. A sign-up sheet, as well as a guideline handout, is in Fellowship Hall. Or a donation to the flower fund, please make check payable to "Sunshine Ladies" and place in the offering plate. Please contact **Sally Suberati at 843.548.0689 or Lois Willig at 843.304.1086**