“All Creation Joins in Praise”

Lesson: Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

GOLDEN TEXT:

“O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth” (Psalm 96:1).

TODAY’S AIM:

“To see how right and good it is for all creation to praise the Lord.”

INTRODUCING THE LESSON:

There is a story of an older married couple. The husband was a man of few words. When his wife asked him whether he still loved her after so many years, he replied, “I said I loved you when I married you, and if there are any changes, I’ll let you know.” Clearly, he had not made a practice of telling his wife he loved her; he thought once was enough!

Any marriage counselor should, of course, advise couples to declare their love for each other frequently. So it is with praising God. His mercies are new every morning. His grace is richly poured out on us through the Lord Jesus, and we are daily surrounded with His blessing on our lives. All creation praises Him. As born-again Christians and part of His creation, we should always praise Him for who He is and what He has done. All creation praises Him in its own way.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. We should express genuine praise to God rather than methodical, empty worship (Psalm 96:1-2).
2. Evangelism is a Christian requirement (Psalm 96:3).
3. The created are eternally subject to the Creator (Psalm 96:4-6).
4. God reigns over all whether men acknowledge Him or not (Psalm 96:10).
5. There is peace in knowing that God’s sovereign plan supersedes our circumstances (Psalm 96:11-12).
6. Those who await Christ's return will be vindicated by God’s judgment accomplished with righteousness and truth (Psalm 96:13).

CONCLUDING THE LESSON:

Our security and strength is in the Lord. As we worship Him, we are changed to be more like Him. It is true that no people have ever risen above their concept of God. We are drawn by the Holy Spirit to become like our God. His Word and the leading of His Spirit will always beckon us to praise and worship.

The word “worship” is a contraction of the older English “worth-ship.” Our worship says that we believe our God has worth. If we fail to give Him glory and honor, we say He is not worth much. It would certainly be less than grateful to fail to thank and praise Him for what He has done in saving us from our sins and giving us His salvation. He has promised us His presence and power and has prepared a home for us in heaven. Praise the Lord!
“High Standards and High Expectations for the Glory of God.”

Church News

TODAY
Your 2017 offering envelopes are ready. Please pick them up from the church office.

RAP & SNACK
All men of Grace are asked to attend a “Rap & Snack” Men’s Day Meeting Saturday, January 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lite fare will be served.

PHOTOGRAPHS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WANTED!
We are requesting pictures and/or newspaper articles taken during the 90 years of Grace’s existing. If you have such, please submit to our church office so that we can create a historical timeline album. All photos and/or newspaper clippings will be returned within a week.

Don’t Forget!

SOUP KITCHEN
CLOSED Tuesday, January 3. Will reopen Tuesday, January 10 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Birthdays

January
8  Anndell Lawrence
16  Mark Carr, Sr.
19  Pamela Harris
Sick and Shut-Ins
Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212
Sis. Charrese Brodgen, Brinton Wood of Frankford, 5009 Frankford Ave., Room 11A, 21206
Sis. Myrtle (Betty) Bryant, 850 Abbott Ct., 21202
Deaconess Marion Leach, C/O Patapsco Valley Center, 9109 Liberty Rd, Room 247A, Randallstown, MD 21133-3521
Sis. Ila Scott, 1631 W. Lexington St., 21223 (410-233-2626)
Deaconess Helen Stewart, 2631 E. Chase St., 21213
Bro. Reginald Werrell, 2412 Winchester St., 21216, 410-831-5529
Bro. Edward Withers, C/O Manor Care – Roland Park, 4669 Falls Rd., Room 328A, 21209

Special Prayer Requests
Rev. Frank Bell’s sisters-in-law, Sis. Sophronia Goode and Sis. Lucy Hawkins
Bro. Mark & Sis. Wanda Carr’s mother & mother-in-law, Sis. Pearlie Carr
Sis. Geraldine Davis’ husband, Bro. Ricky Davis
Sis. Cynthia Franklin’s father, Bro. James Lawrence and aunt, Sis. Mable Stancil
Sis. Wanda Garrett and Sis. Betty Bryant’s sister, Sis. Jane McCleod and niece, Sis. Kayla James
Sis. Pamela Harris’ friend, Sis. Brittany Stephney
Sis. Sandra Hawkins’ granddaughter, Sis. Brianna Speller
Sis. Shirle Hubbard and family and Sis. Tanya Cox and family
Sis. Eliza Jennings’ son, Bro. Robert Jennings, Jr. and grandson, Bro. Robert Jennings III
Sis. Anndell Lawrence’s mother, Sis. Carrie Lawrence and friend, Bro. Troy Fenwick & Family
Sis. Kim McDonald’s children, Bro. Correll Wilson, Bro. Tayo Daniels Jr., Bro. Theodore Wilson, and Sis. Ta’ Brielle Daniels
Sis. Brenda Mitchell’s sister-in-law, Sis. Barbara Brookins
Deacon Luke Montgomery, Sr.’s wife, Sis. Gloria Montgomery
Deaconess Hilton Patrick’s sisters, Sisters Yvonne, Willie Mae and Inez Smith
Sis. Joanne Robinson’s husband, Bro. Walter Robinson, Sr.
Bro. Ernest Scott’s brother, Bro. Bruce Scott, sister, Sis. Christine Hammond and niece, Sis. Raiven Hammond
Trustee Sharen Williams’ mother, Sis. Margaret Askew and sister, Sis. Wanda Jones
Deaconess Beverly Wilson’s neighbor, Bro. Floyd Huntley
Sis. Lisa Wilson’s co-worker, Sis. Sonia Johnson Branch
Deaconess Janine Withers’ son, Bro. Sir Jai Taylor and brothers, Robert and Michael Moore

Happy New Year!

Emergency Notices
All emergency situations are to be reported immediately to the Pastor
Rev. Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor
Rev. Frank Bell, Associate Pastor
Deacon James Jones, Deacon Ministry Chairman
Sister Carolyn Moorehead, Secretary

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Words of Wisdom
“When one door closes another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”
LISTEN to the message from God’s Word. USE this sheet to make some personal notes. GO back over them through the coming week. LET God crystallize these truths in YOUR life.

Sermon title:______________________________________________

Biblical text:______________________________________________

Main idea of sermon:_______________________________________

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Illustration I want to remember:_______________________________

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What should I do as a result of hearing this sermon?

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**Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.” — Revelation 3:8 (RSV)

**MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 1, 2017

*Processional…………………….……...…..……...…. ….. 11:00 A.M.

*Call to Worship and Invocation

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*Hymn of Praise #81…………..………….“Jesus, the Light of the World”
O.T. Reading (Exodus 14:21-23)………………Deaconess Norma Pope
N.T. Reading (Revelation 3:8-11)………………….Sis. Sylvia Mason

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Selection…………………………………......…...........… Male Chorus

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Morning Prayer………………………………….Deacon Michael Montgomery
Prayer Chant and Selection…………………………...…………Male Chorus

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Church Welcome………………………………….Hospitality Ministry
Pastoral Comments

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Children’s Hour………………………………….Sis. Shelley Jones
Selection………………………………….…..…..……………..Male Chorus

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General Offering of Tithes and Gifts of Love
Mission Offering

*Tithes and Gifts of Love

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*Response of Thanksgiving…………………………….Congregation
“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen!”

Congregational Hymn #62……………………………………..“No, Not One!”

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Sermonic Meditation………………………………….Organ Speaks
Sermon………………………………….…..…..……………..Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

“Shut It Down”

*Altar Call………………………………….…..…..……………..Rev. Marshall L. Barnes
*Benediction………………………………….…..…..……………..Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

*Standing **Seating Worshippers