

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry.
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

MUSIC

PRELUDE

Angels From The Realm of Glory

by James Montgomery and Henry Thomas Smart

CORPORATE SINGING

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

by Ed Cash, Matt Gilder, George Frederic Handel, Chris Tomlin, and Isaac Watts

O Come Let Us Adore Him

by C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

TIME OF PRAYER

Jesus, Our King

by Josh Lopez, BJ Putnam and Doug Enquist

RESPONSE SONG

Guiding Me Still

by Brandon Ramey & The Prayer Time Band

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

**“Coming Under God’s Hand” | 1 Peter 5:6-7
Pastor Rickey Primrose**

We continue our series through 1 Peter this Sunday by looking at some final exhortations in 5:6-7, which all relate to persevering in faith through the trials of this life. Peter calls the believers to persevere by humbling themselves under God’s mighty hand as well as being vigilant and resisting our spiritual adversary. Prepare for Sunday by reading through this passage several times. What is the connection between humbling yourself before God and casting your anxieties on Him? *How is worry a form of pride?*

Also, consider what it means to humble yourself “under the mighty hand of God” as well as what it means to “resist” the devil.

LYRICS

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

VERSE 1

Joy to the world The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

VERSE 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy!

CHORUS

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

VERSE 3

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love!

Guiding Me Still

VERSE 1

I will not lean on things I see
Because Your word is guiding me
I will not long for earthly gain
Because Your wisdoms all I need

CHORUS

When the path is unclear
I will wait for You here
Where Your glory’s revealed
And my fears disappear
You are Lord over all
And everyday You are guiding me still

VERSE 2

I cannot boast in my own strength
Because my boast is found in You
Your plan is working for my good
Help me to see it like I should

CHORUS

BRIDGE

God You’re moving
We will follow
Living by hope
Our confidence is found in You
Where You lead us
We will follow
Living by hope

CHORUS

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

"A Church Clothed In Humility" | 1 Peter 5:1-5
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Truth: God's favor is on those who put on humility. Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking of yourself less so that you can think of others more. It is having enough confidence about who you are in Christ, a gospel confidence, to put others ahead of yourself and count them more important.

Response: In what area do you struggle with humility? Is there any area in your life where you insist on going your own way and are unwilling to walk in humble obedience to the Lord? Are you willing to listen to Biblical instruction and correction? Meditate on the humility of Jesus shown in Philippians 2:5-8 this week.

Truth: Elders put on humility by shepherding God's flock as servant leaders. The terms elder, pastor, and bishop aren't three different offices but three different words to describe one office. The New Testament almost exclusively references this office in the plural. The church is not led by one man. The church is led by a plurality of pastors who lead, feed, protect, and care for the flock of God.

Response: How might the flock help keep an elder from slipping into serving for the wrong reasons or out of the wrong attitude? How can you pray for your pastors and staff in this regard? Pray for your pastors this week.

Truth: The flock puts on humility by submitting to God's leaders and one another. Peter is calling younger men specifically to submit because young men often have the most temptation to resist the authority of leadership. His instruction is that the entire flock put on humility by bringing themselves under the authority of the elders. We are to take off our coats of preferences, agendas, and desires and to put on the apron worn by a slave. We are to do no less than Christ when he clothed himself in a slave apron.

Response: How might the flock behave in such a way that the job of shepherds is made easier? When it comes to life in the church, do you spend most of your time thinking about yourself or of others? Do you spend most of your time dwelling on your preferences, your frustrations, your desires, and your agendas? Pray this week for ways you can clothe yourself with humility by putting on the "slave apron."

FAMILY RESPONSE

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Truth: What does God really care about? What does God want from me? How do I make God happy? These are some common questions children and adults in a church want answers to, and Peter once again gives us straightforward answers. First, God is for those who are for others more than they are for themselves. Second, God is against those who are for themselves more than they are for others.

Response: Kids says and do things we as adults have learned not to say and not to do even when we feel the same way. Often times, self-centeredness and arrogance are what we interpret by their displays. As a result of this, many children develop a mindset about good people and bad people. Mom and dad are good people, so they say good things and do good things. I'm a bad person, so I do say things and do bad things. Directly teaching humility along side the Gospel is a great way to combat this destructive and false mindset. Here's a simple example from my house. I turn on a football game because I like to watch football. When the rest of the family "suggests" an alternative, I decide to change the channel. I also express that I'm changing the channel because I'm choosing my family's desire over my own. This is humility.