

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

Go Tell It On The Mountain

by John W. Work, Jr.

CORPORATE SINGING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

by Charles Wesley/ Felix Mendelssohn

The Lion And The Lamb

by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring

TIME OF PRAYER

Here With Us

by Joy Williams/ Jason Ingram/ Ben Glover

SERMON

RESPONSE SONG

All To Us

by Matt Maher, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

**“The Vision of Antioch,” | Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3
Pastor Rickey Primrose**

Rickey Primrose will be preaching in view of a call for the role of Lead Pastor this Sunday. In preparation for Sunday, please be in prayer for Rickey, his family, and our church. Also, prayerfully meditate on Acts 11:19-30 and 13:1-3. These verses focus on the church in Antioch. Read these verses several times, making as many observations about this church as you can. What were some of the defining qualities of this church based upon these verses?

We will gather for our Semiannual Member Meeting Sunday night at 5:00 p.m., where we will announce the results of the Lead Pastor vote, give reports, do some business, and share the Lord’s Table. This will be an exciting Sunday for our church. Be engaged and be prepared for worship!

LYRICS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

VERSE 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

VERSE 2

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born the men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

BRIDGE

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us,
Let it rise!

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us,
Let it rise!

Oh, let it rise!

The Lion And The Lamb

VERSE 1

He’s coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

CHORUS

Our God is The Lion The Lion of Judah
He’s roaring with power and fighting our battles

And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is The Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before
The Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

VERSE 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

"Coming Under God's Hand" | 1 Peter 5:6-7**Pastor Rickey Primrose**

Truth: Humble yourself by embracing God's plan for your life. Throughout this letter Peter has emphasized that the trials of this life are not contrary to God's plan under his mighty hand. Humbling yourself is bringing your life under his mighty hand. We tend to resist his hand during our times of suffering and affliction. Rather than putting yourself in the place of God and being upset that your life doesn't match the plan that you have, welcome and receive suffering as a part of his plan for your life.

Response: Have you joyfully embraced God's plan for your life? Or, are you still begrudgingly resisting God's plan? Are you questioning why God allows you to suffer? Pray that God will give you a joyful acceptance of whatever the Lord gives you this week.

Truth: Humble yourself by giving your worry to God. We humble ourselves by casting all our anxieties on him. If to humble yourself is to give your worry to God, then to not give your worry to God is the opposite of humble – i.e. pride. In that moment of worry, you are convinced that you must solve the problems of your life in your strength. It is our stubborn pride that says, "I want to do this myself," while our Father is saying, "I can take this for you because I care for you."

Response: What are some anxieties you have kept, or are

keeping from God? What is keeping you awake at night? Take time each morning this week to cast your anxieties upon the Lord and see whether you notice a difference in your week.

Truth: Humble yourself under the hand that will lift you high. Peter reminds us of an important kingdom principle in these verses, "Exaltation is always preceded by humiliation." There is glory and victory awaiting us as chosen exiles, but until we receive that future hope, the call to follow Jesus is a call characterized by trials, pain, and sorrow. If we humble ourselves under his mighty hand, that same hand will one day come and lift us high.

Response: What is the thing that is a humiliation to you right now? Do you trust that God can bring you to exaltation through that? Respond to that which God has done in Christ and you will go from humiliation to exaltation in his time.

FAMILY RESPONSE

"Coming Under God's Hand," 1 Peter 5:6-7 | Pastor Rickey Primrose

Truth: Worry is a lot like disobedience; it doesn't need to be taught to our kids for them to be good at it. Children have real fears, real anxieties, and real disappointments. All of these contribute to their natural tendency to worry—to be overwhelmed by what they want to control but cannot. Lead them to pray their worries to God. Doing so will help them develop the understanding that God is powerful and trustworthy.

Response: Most young kids don't have the life experience or the conceptual thought to grasp the practice of embracing the details of God's sovereign plan for their specific life. Exploring the life of someone who has already experienced and wrestled through this concept is helpful in establishing this truth. In his sermon, Pastor Rickey cited Vaneetha Rendall Risner as an example. Other examples you can explore through books and media are George Müller, Elisabeth Elliot, Nick Vujicic, Eric Liddell, and Joni Eareckson Tada.