

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

November 22, 2020

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” **2 Timothy 1:7.**

The **Coronavirus** is real, however through faith with God we can overcome it! Listed below are tips and precautions that we as a church are taking and are encouraging you to practice.

Take steps to protect yourself



Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



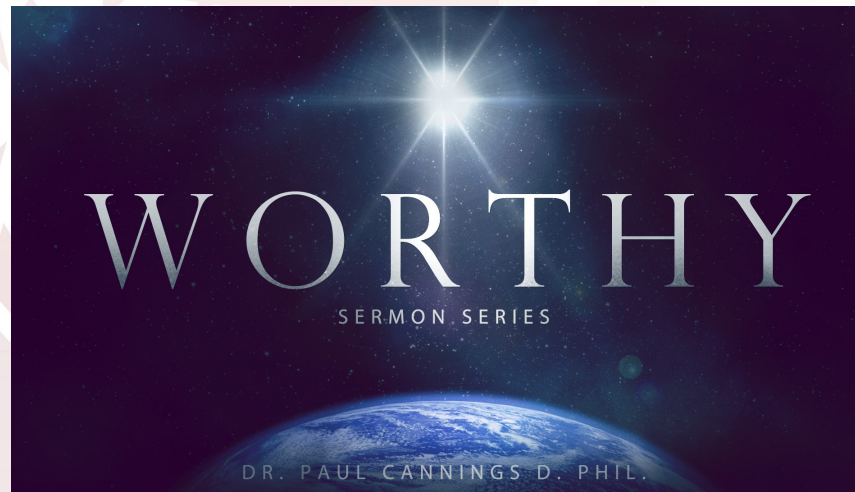
Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a face-mask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



UPCOMING Events



Administrative Offices Closed

Happy Thanksgiving - The Administration Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 25th thru Friday, November 27th. The offices will re-open on Monday, November 30th at 8:30 am.

No Bible Study on Tuesday, November 24th.



The Gathering at Living Word

Each year we get together for a church-wide Thanksgiving feast. Unfortunately, we are unable to host this type of event due to the pandemic and CDC guidelines.

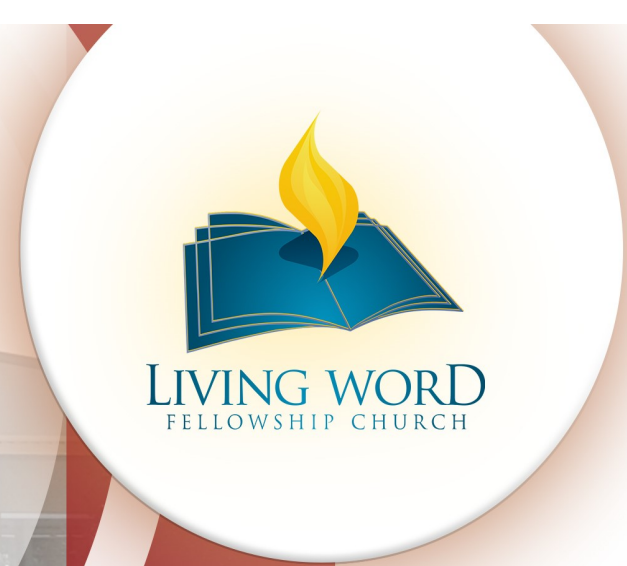
Thankfully, we can still gather together and give God praise at our two-day weekend event.

Pull Up & Give Thanks—Join us in the parking lot **TODAY at 2pm** for music, entertainment.



Unboxing Christmas

Join Living Word for a night to remember! See the Christmas Story retold out of the mouths of Babes! We are getting ready for Christmas!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Song

Communion

Praise & Worship

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving
Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

The Word of God
Above All
Psalm 96:7-13

Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor
Sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org
Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"

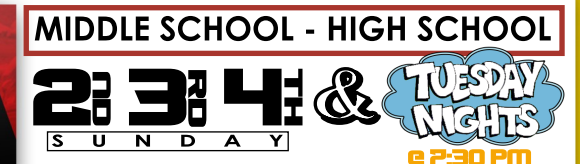
Call to Discipleship
Please remain seated at this time

Benediction & Closing Song

Soft launch for the return of Children's Church

begins today Sunday. Children must be picked up

immediately at the conclusion of each service.



SERMON OUTLINE

Above All

Psalm 96:7-13

A. Make Every Effort to Lift the Lord Up (vs. 7):

1. Ascribe – We are commanded to put the effort in place to give God honor. This must be an active process that can be accomplished individually and collectively.
2. Lord – The Lord is actively committed to fulfill all He has covenanted to do.
3. And strength - We need to remind ourselves that it is God who sustains us against the most powerful forces of this world and provides us safe places (34:7-8; 46:1; 59:16; Jeremiah 16:19).
4. Strength - Give God our strength not our left-over energy.
5. Ascribe to the Lord – Again we are commanded to put the effort in place to give the Lord, who has all authority and power, high esteem. This must be an active process that can be accomplished individually and collectively.
6. The glory of His name – We are commanded to keep the reputation and memory of God in a position of high respect and honor. We must always remember all that the Lord has done, from the past to the present, since He purposefully, faithfully exercises His authority and power to protect us from the evil one. We keep His memory and reputation lifted high.
7. The glory of His name – When we go through difficult times and we purposefully put a lot of energy into glorifying and blessing God's name it can truly lift our spirits, like it did for David dancing through the streets.
8. Bring and offering – Because of our reverence and respect for the Lord we are commanded to prepare before coming into His presence to sacrificially bring a gift to Him (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
9. Come into His courts – We are commanded to enter worship with purpose and never cease until we have completed bringing an offering in respect of His faithfulness to us.
10. Come into His courts – When everything above is obeyed, this command allows us to come into His courts in an acceptable manner

B. Reverence His Power (vs. 9):

1. Worship the Lord – We are commanded to humble ourselves, as an act of respect, when we enter His courts. This is a true attitude of worship.
2. Worship - Because of His goodness, faithfulness, graciousness; because He is God – come with a prostrate heart – they fell with foreheads touching the ground (Islam – they do not even have pews or chairs) especially since we have genuinely ascribe (bring, offer) glory, strength and highlighted His reputation.
3. Holy attire - Holy attire represents clothes that demonstrates respect for what the Lord describes as appropriate for the priest and for all those who submit to His word as it relates to what to wear (example 1 Peter 3:3-4).
4. Tremble before Him – His powerful might to execute justice should cause us to fear Him.
5. World -- We must worship Him with such praise, dedication, and awesome respect (1 Peter 4:17) that the world knows that He reigns, and justice is forthcoming. This justice is fair and just.

C. Always Remember He Reigns Forever (Vs. 10):

1. Say among the nations – The Lord expects us to speak up to everyone that crosses our path of how great and mighty He is.
2. The Lord reigns – The almighty powerful Lord who is always in complete control of everything is the chief operating king of all that takes place throughout the world.
3. Reigns – We demonstrate to the world that the Lord is king, ruler and chief executive officer (Eph. 2:22-23) by the way we worship Him and allow Him to lead our lives. Nothing He has put in place in the world they can change. Everything He said will take place—it is certain—nothing can change things. In the last days there will be earthquakes, famines, pestilences, plagues, wars, and rumors of wars – who can stop it (Colossians 1:15-20).
4. The world is firmly established – Whatever the Lord is going to accomplish no one can stop it, it will get done.
5. He will judge; Execute judgment – It does not matter who seems to be getting away with evil in the Lord's time justice will flow like a river.
6. Equity – The Lord governs in a righteous manner; He is always fair and wise.

PRAYER REQUEST

Grieving: John Henderson & family, Aaron Cormier & family, Cheryl Beal & family, Vivian Buckner & family, Joe Cook & family, Maria Perkins & family, Pat Crawford & family, Eleanor Wilson & family, Phil Baillou & family, and Roderick Williams & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Hattie Williams, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Booker Wheatley, Brittany Bullock, Sara-Beth Mathis, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Debra Gaines, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, and Jon Heard.



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