

# Pastoral REFLECTIONS

November 29, 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.



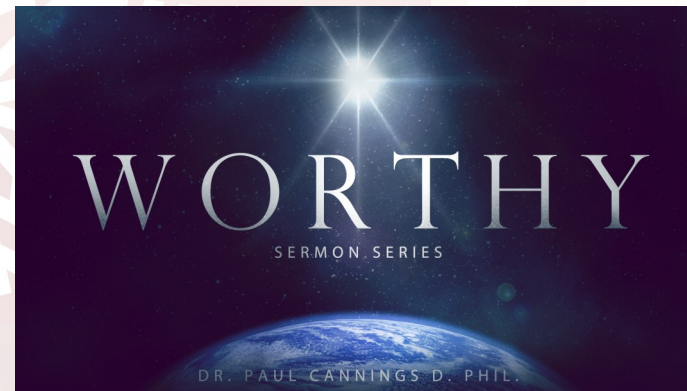
### Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **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 facemask). 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



### Holiday Playlist

Need something to get you in the Christmas mood? Don't worry because we have your back! We created a collaborative playlist to put YOU in the Christmas spirit. Here are our top song choices for our favorite gospel/Christian artists and choirs.

Find it on the church's YouTube channel.



### Virtual Angel Tree

Be A Blessing to a child of incarcerated parents by donating a gift certificate for \$22.00. Not only will each child receive a financial blessing, but additionally they will get a gospel track, and a bible if they so desire.

We would love for you to join us as we spread God's Word to these families and/or their Care Givers.

For more information please contact Wanda Ryan or Janice Brown.



### Christmas at the MOVIES (Drive-In)

Enjoy an evening of entertainment on the big screen – all from the comfort and convenience of your car! Living Word Fellowship Church invites you to our first Drive - In Movie Night! Safely enjoy a night out with your family and friends on **Saturday, December 19th** starting at 6pm. The parking lot opens at 5pm.



### Ugly Sweater Sunday

Join us in-person or online for a special Sunday Service on **December 20th!!** You are invited to dress up in your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater during church service.

Take your picture and upload it to the church's Facebook or

## 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  
*No Matter What*  
*Psalm 73:23-26*

*Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor*

*Sermon notes available online at [www.lwfellowshipchurch.org](http://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.





## No Matter What

Psalm 73:23-26

### A. All I Need is You (vs. 23-25):

1. Nevertheless I am continually – The Lord, without interruption and with complete devotion is always with us.
2. Holding on – The Lord has us spiritually sealed to Him (Ephesians 1:13-14; John 10:29-30; Matthew 28:19-20). The Holy Spirit is in us (John 14:16-17; Titus 3:4-8), we are in Christ (Ephesians 2:6) and Christ is in God (Colossians 3:1-4).
3. Right hand – To be at the Lord's right hand means to be in a place of strength and a place of honor at His throne.
4. Hand – Hand references possession, power, authority, and strength. It signifies to be in control because of the person's authority.
5. Right hand – Right hand, therefore, symbolizes that as believers the Lord provides us strength, a place in His kingdom and because it is He who holds us no one has the power or authority to take us from Him, because we are His possession (Titus 2:14; Hebrews 10:34; 1 Peter 2:9).
6. With your counsel – After careful deliberation, the Lord provide plans for us, as if preparing for battle, to powerfully organize a strategy that has great results.
7. Guide – The Lord will continuously be before us leading us, like sheep following a shepherd, in the right paths, based on His righteousness, that we must take.
8. Receive – To receive here means that the Lord would selectively, endlessly, and permanently take or summon us to heaven after He faithfully provides us wise counsel and guidance.
9. To glory – Where the Lord takes us into His imposing presence, heaven.
10. Whom have I in Heaven – Heaven is the physical place that God resides. Heaven is a place, in the third heavens, that fully exposes God's righteousness and majesty.
11. Besides you I desire – Based on Asaph's relationship with the Lord there is no one else he has a strong affection for or seeks to please.
12. Earth – Having no pleasure in seeking anyone but God compares everyone throughout all of mankind.

### B. Reverence His Power (vs. 9):

1. My flesh and my heart – Our day to day life, our deepest desire or passions, our mindset or determination to get things done can come to the point of exhaust
2. My flesh and my heart – Asaph's mortality is always evident.
3. Fail; Finished – Everything that a person may passionately live for can come to a complete end.

4. God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are supreme, they control all things because they rule over all things and have authority of all things as they judge the entire earth.
5. Strength of my heart; Rock – The Lord is our support and defense so that He is like a rock that is immovable. Because of this our hearts, that can dominate us emotionally, find stability and strength in difficult times. Therefore, we can be at peace and long suffer through trials while remaining focused to live in God's wisdom.
6. My portion; Reward - God is the one who provides us our place or allotment of blessings He has in store for us.
7. Forever – All of the strength and blessings that God provides never changes and remains with no end, an indefinite future.

## PRAYER REQUEST

**Grieving:** Cheryl Beal & family, Vivian Buckner & family, Joe Cook & family, Maria Perkins & family, Pat Crawford & family, Eleanor Wilson & family, Phil Baillou & family, Roderick Williams & family, and Katrina Humphrey & 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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