

Park Road Church invites you to love Jesus deeply by worshiping fully, learning humbly, and loving extravagantly

Sunday, July 4, 2021 || 1 Samuel 18:6-30

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

All: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

Leader: I have set the Lord always before me;

All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices.

Worship Through Singing

Cornerstone

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Confession: Forgive me Lord, for I don't do justice, I don't love kindness, and I don't walk humbly with you.

Assurance of Pardon: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

All: Hallelujah

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Children's Ministry is Dismissed

Hymn #9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv. 1-3

Sermon – Good Rules and a Glorious Ruler

Communion

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

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On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Words of Institution

Corporate Response Through Singing

Living Hope

Benediction

Flowers this week are given by the Alleys in celebration of the anniversary of Dan and Leila Griggs; and in honor of Dr. Phillip Keevil on his birthday.

Wifi = Park Rd Pres Guest

Password = Guestprc

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Sermon Notes and Quotes:

Rules for life are good,
but only the Living Ruler is glorious

- Who not to be
- Who to be
- Whom to be with

1) Don't be oversensitive and don't assume the worst

2) Don't be consumed with anger

3) Don't lose the ability to rejoice for others

4) Don't let fear be your motivator

5) Don't pursue personal prestige at the expense of executing with excellence.

6) Don't be unreliable

7) Don't view people as pawns for your purposes

8) Don't be indirect or passive aggressive

9) Be present and be faithful

10) Be humble

11) Be courageous

12) Our hope is God with us

Too often we judge other groups by their worst examples, while judging ourselves by our best intentions.

- George W. Bush

15. Resolved, never to suffer the least motions of anger to irrational beings.

- Jonathan Edwards

When the fear of God is strong in your heart, the fear of man ceases.

- William Greenhill

We fear man so much because we fear God so little. One fear cures another.

- William Gurnall

Faith is a refusal to panic.

- Martin Lloyd Jones

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

- Proverbs 17:17

The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.

- Proverbs 16:9

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

- Luke 14:11

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Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

- Acts 4:13

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

- Matthew 1:20–23

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Study Questions:

Self-Help...

- 1) What is the best advice you've ever been given?
- 2) What is the worst advice you've ever been given?
- 3) What advice would you give if you met yourself when you were 20-years old?

...is Helpless...

- 1) How does Saul's pride influence his reaction in 1 Samuel 18:6-16?
 - a) Why does Saul fear David?
- 2) David did what neither Saul nor Jonathan could: Defeat Goliath and deliver Israel.
 - a) Does Saul appear to care that by imperiling David, he will lose his best warrior and leader?
 - b) What does this tell us about the destructiveness of sin?

...but there is Hope!

- 1) Which of the first eight rules (the rules pertaining to Saul) most convicted you? Why?
- 2) Reflect on Saul's fearful reaction, and our three quotes on fear.
 - a) Where in your life is fear necessary and healthy for you?
 - b) Where are you overly prone to fear?
 - c) What would it look like to trust God's provision in these areas, instead of fearing potential outcomes and consequences?
- 3) In what relationships, activities, or situations do you long to be more content and more fully present?
- 4) What does it mean for you to be humble in each of the following spheres?
 - a) Work

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b) Family

c) Society

- 5) Read Acts 4. What opportunities do you have to imitate Peter and John's boldness?
- 6) Read John 1:1-18. What is powerful about the truth that Jesus Christ is Immanuel, God with us?
- 7) How can you more regularly pay attention to God's presence with you?