

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
“The Hiding Place of Praise”
Psalm 146

We are coming up on the Thanksgiving holiday, which is a festive time to eat good food, watch football games, visit with people, but most importantly give thanks to God. We have so much to be thankful for that is fitting to offer thanks to God for what he’s done for us. Psalm 146 gives us reasons why praising God is therapeutic.

#1. WE PRAISE GOD BECAUSE IT IS _____, vv. 1-2

- A. Praise is a normative practice of Jesus’ disciples
- B. Praise is an expression of gratitude / love / thanks
- C. Praise is in the psalms over 180 times
- D. Praise is a life-long practice – a way of life

#2. WE PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE ALONE IS _____, vv. 3-5

- A. We should not trust in princes & other humans, Ps 118:8-9
- B. We are blessed to look to the God of Jacob for help
- C. We are blessed to place our hope in God

#3. WE PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE IS OUR _____, v. 6

- A. He is the Creator of everything – including you, Ps 139:13-16
- B. He remains faithful forever over his creation
- C. He is the sustainer of his creation, Colossians 1:17
- D. He is concerned about every detail of your life, Mat 6:8, 10:29-31,

#4. WE PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE IS OUR _____, vv. 7-9

- A. The Lord upholds the oppressed & feeds the hungry
- B. The Lord sets the prisoners free, Psalm 142:7
- C. The Lord sight to the blind
- D. The Lord lifts up the humble, Isa 57:15, James 4:6
- E. The Lord loves the righteous – those align with God
- F. The Lord watches over the vulnerable: foreigner, fatherless, widow, orphans, etc.
- G. The Lord is against the wicked

APPLICATION POINTS

- Psalm 146 is a description of Jesus’ _____
Luke 4:18-19
- Psalm 146 parallels Jesus’ _____
- Jesus mission is _____ mission

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
Luke 4:18-19

#5. WE PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE IS OUR _____, v. 10

- A. The Lord reigns forever over his creation
- B. The Lord reigns over the nations, Ps 2
- C. The Lord judges the nations, Matt 25:31-46

CONCLUDING THOUGHT

Our _____ is to praise God forever!
Revelation 22:1-5

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- #1. Why is it important to praise the Lord?
- #2. In what way(s) is praising God a way of life for you?
- #3. In what way(s) is complaining, which is the opposite of praising God, harmful to your mental health?
- #4. How does complaining effect your relationship with the Lord?
- #5. Why is trust in other institutions or leaders futile?
- #6. What similarities do you see between Psalm 146:7-9, and Jesus' ministry as presented in Luke 4:18-19?
- #7. How can Hillcrest church be involved in doing the things mentioned in the above passages?
- #8. With all the chaos in the world today, how does knowing that King Jesus will reign eternally bring comfort to you?
- #9. What is your takeaway from this passage?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Blessed are those whose help is the God
of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

Psalm 146:5

November 19, 2023

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be teaching Psalm 146 for his Thanksgiving message. After the service we will have our Thanksgiving potluck to celebrate the holiday and enjoy the fellowship of God's people.

CHILDREN'S PLAY – DECEMBER 3RD

The children's ministry will be doing a Christmas drama during the service.

OPEN HOUSE AT BRUCE & CAROL'S – SATURDAY, DEC 16

Everyone is invited for snacks and refreshments from 4-7pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ROSEVILLE CITY CHURCH

There will not be a morning service December 24th. Roseville City Church will be joining us at our facility for the candlelight service in the evening.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

After the service on November 26th we will set up the Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary. Stick around for snacks and refreshments and help set everything up.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CIRBY SCHOOL KIDS

Every year Hillcrest Church gives gifts to underprivileged families and children at Cirby school. Our generous gifts have been very impactful for the children and families. The principle Farah Friends, the staff of Cirby school and the families are grateful for the presents. In the back of the sanctuary are a basket full of names for you to choose from. Follow the instructions and bring the gifts to church no later than December 10.

UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Would you fill out the form at the back of the sanctuary so you can be included in the directory. If your contact information needs to be updated please do so.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

The Prayer Meeting on Tuesday nights is cancelled for the month of December as is the Wednesday Bible Study. Both will begin in January of 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com). Consider giving to the building fund so we can continue to upgrade our facility.

In order to replace the roof and do our electrical upgrades we had to borrow some money. Our debt is \$19,896, which we would like to eliminate ASAP. Would you prayerfully consider giving a little extra to pay off the loan so we can be debt free and avoid paying interest.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hillcrest Church please indicate your interest by signing up in the back of the sanctuary and we will set a date for the class.

ANNUAL MEETING – VISION 2024

Will be January 14th during the service. Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2024, there will be a slide show about 2023 in review, presentation of the budget, followed by a potluck celebration.