

December 1, 2024



There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

— William Shakespeare, *Hamlet* (Act 1, Scene 5)

For all his marvelous creativity, Michelangelo never painted or drew or sculpted anything that compares with any newborn infant. For all his wide-ranging Renaissance inventiveness, Leonardo da Vinci never faintly approximated what any peasant couple brought forth by simply going to bed together. [“knowing” one another]. People who pray give themselves to the creative process at this same elemental, world-enriching, self-transcending place of surprise and pleasure.

Be still and know. Civilization is littered with unsolved problems, baffling impasses. The best minds of the world are at the end of their tether. The most knowledgeable observers of our condition are badly frightened. The most relevant contribution that Christians make at these points of impasse is the act of prayer – determined, repeated, leisurely meetings with the personal and living God. New life is conceived in these meetings.

Eugene H. Peterson, *Earth and Altar: The Community
of Prayer in a Self-Bound Society* (pp. 79-80)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Explanation of Presbytery Proceedings and Introduction of Commission

The Call to Worship: *St. Paul to the Ephesians 1.18-23 and Colossians 1.13-17*

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

*For by Him all things were created,
both in the heavens and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities --
all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Habershon/Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!\

(Chorus 2X)

“Is He Worthy?”

- Peterson, Shive, arr. Sorenson

LEADER: Do you feel the world is broken? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you feel the shadows deepen? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Is all creation groaning? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is a new creation coming? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **PEOPLE: It is.**

LEADER: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **PEOPLE: It is.**

ALL: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

LEADER: Does the Father truly love us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: Does the Spirit move among us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **PEOPLE: He does.**

LEADER: Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **PEOPLE: He does.**

ALL: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is!**

LEADER: Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **ALL: He is! He is!**

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR JONATHAN CHRISTIAN LACY

The Administration of Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

To the Congregation:

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Jonathan Lacy, a minister of the Word and Sacrament?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer

The Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation

The Right Hand of Fellowship and Pronouncement

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PRESBYERY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Rev. T. J. Campo, Teaching Elder of Park Road
Rev. Sam Kastensmidt, Teaching Elder of Rio Vista
Charles Kelsey, Ruling Elder of Park Road
Ken Lacy, Ruling Elder of Rio Vista
Rev. Phil Letizia, Teaching Elder of Park Road
Rev. John Stevenson, Teaching Elder of Park Road
Dwight Taylor, Ruling Elder of Park Road
Rev. Jorge Trujillo, Teaching Elder of Park Road

The Confession of Faith:

(In the Declaration of Faith and Offering we respond to God, giving back the truth that He has put in our hearts and the resources He has put in our pockets. Please use this time and the musical reflection to pray, give and consider what God is doing in your life.)

The Advent Reading: Christ, the Prophet* (John 1:18)

Reader: *No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*

How does Christ carry out the office of prophet?

People: Christ carries out the office of a prophet, in revealing to us by His word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Response: "The Doxology"

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*This reading is taken from the doctrinal statement or "catechism" of the Presbyterian Church in America, *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*. It was composed in 1647 by a large group of pastors and theologians in England.

My God Fights For Me”

- Gayle, Tyler, Mathena

I was just a shepherd boy without a shield, without a sword
Fed up with the giant’s voice screaming curses to the Lord
I walked down the hill alone with a pocket full of river stones
But, what the Philistine couldn’t see is what I had was more than me
See, on my own I’m weak. But my God fights for me.

Well, I was servant to the king, interpreting his crazy dreams
I won’t worship mortal men, so they threw me in the lion’s den
Vicious teeth were all I saw till something came and shut their jaw
You couldn’t find a scratch on me, in fact that night I fell asleep
When morning came it shocked them all ‘cause my God fights for me

I stumbled into the room with alabaster and my wounds
I could feel their judging eyes as I knelt before the Christ
I poured my oil upon His feet, I didn’t care who saw me weep
I gave Him all I had that day, and He should've sent me on my way
But instead He lifted up my head ‘cause my God fights for me.

He’s my shield, He’s my sword, the victory is the Lord’s. (repeat)

So, what’s your story here today? What’s the giant in your way?
Are you trapped and can’t get out? Or, are you staring down a lion’s mouth?
Can you stand before the Lord? Or, do you need to hit the floor?
‘Cause it don’t matter what you’ve done, ‘cause the battle is already won
So, lift your voice with me and sing that my God fights for me
So lift your voice in victory ‘cause my God fights for me

The Scripture Reading: 2nd Kings 6.8-23

Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp."⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there."¹⁰ The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, more than once or twice.

¹¹ *Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"¹² One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."¹³ So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan."¹⁴ He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.*

¹⁵ *Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"¹⁶ So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.¹⁸ When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this people with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.¹⁹ Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.²⁰ When they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.²¹ Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?"²² He answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you*

kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."²³ So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon and Charge to the Pastor

T.J. Campo

The Books of Kings | God, the Government and the Gospel

The Invisible Army

The Hymn of Preparation

Behold Our God” (v. 1, chorus, v.2, chorus)

-Redhead/Miner

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

**Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him**

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.
(Chorus)

You will reign forever (Let Your Glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever (Let Your Glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever (Let Your Glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever (Let Your Glory fill the earth)

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

The Closing Hymn

“Behold Our God” (v. j3 to end)

-Redhead/Miner

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

Sermon Schedule

The Books of Kings | God, the Government and the Gospel

As the US heads into the final days of the current presidential election, we are reminded that our nation continues to be badly divided. As politics takes on a religious intensity, many are anxious about our political future. The dismal political situation in ancient Judah and Israel makes our present troubles look small. Kings rise and fall rapidly. Kings who trust in and heed God's prophets flourish; kings who won't believe fail. The downward spiral is the only constant. And yet, in the gloom of human failing, dawns the divine Light, the perfect Government and His Gospel changes everything!

Sunday Class Schedule: NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

Big Ideas For All Ages This innovative class for the **entire family** will teach basic Christian ideas to adults, parents and children. Our hope is to keep each session conversational, interactive and engaging for **children and adults**. You don't HAVE to be a parent to attend but we hope ALL parents will attend and get better equipped to help your children in their walk with God. Children are encouraged to attend. Taught by Phil Letizia, T.J. Campo, and Alexa Cannella in the Fellowship Hall.

Inquirer's Class | Led by T. J. Campo | Library

This is our "Park Road 101" class where you have the opportunity to hear from TJ about the belief statements of our Church, the membership commitments, and foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. This 8-week class is required for anyone interested in membership at our Church. Please join us or invite others! If you have questions, please reach out to TJ at tj@standrewspca.com

Children Sunday School

Nursery care is available for children 3 and younger. We encourage your children to join you for our new Sunday School class, 'Big Ideas For All Ages'.

THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

Sunday	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday Classes
	1:00 PM	S.A.L.T. Lunch Bunch @ Red Lobster
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Fellowship (Narthex)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Narthex) Contact David King at ironaeus@aol.com
Tuesday	6:30 PM	PRYouth Group: Breakfast for Dinner
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study on Ephesians (via Zoom) Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	S.A.L.T. Movie: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> (Library)
	7:00 PM	The Bible Recap –NT (Library)
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Classes
	6:30 PM	Young Adults
Friday	7:00 PM	Christmas Concert
Saturday	11:00 AM	Women's Christmas Gathering

SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Lunch Bunch | 1:00 pm

Each Sunday after the 11:15 AM service the SALT group goes out to lunch! Join them today at The Red Lobster located at 2900 Oakwood Blvd., Hollywood, 33020. Carpooling is recommended.

SALT Movie: *Miracle on 34th Street* | Wed., Dec. 4 | 11:30 AM | Library

Join the S.A.L.T. group as they gather on Wednesday, December 4th to watch the movie, *Miracle on 34th Street*. Bring your own snack to enjoy. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

The Bible Recap | Wed., Dec. 4 | 7:00-8:15 pm | Library

Contact Dottie Wobb at 954-649-7930 for info on this women's in-person Bible study meeting once a month.

UOCOMING AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Young Adults | Thurs., Dec. 5 | 6:30-8:30 pm

If you're a young adult looking for a community to get plugged into, join us on the first Thursday of the month! If you're not connected to our email list or text alerts reach out to Jonathan (Jonathan@parkroadpres.org) to see what we're doing this month!

Christmas Concert | Fri., Dec. 6 | 7:00 pm

Please join us for a time of joyous worship and reflection on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. This is an excellent way to transition our busy lives and hearts into the real meaning of the Advent Season.

Volunteers Needed for Homemade Cookies or Brownies

We are looking for homemade cookie or brownie donations for the reception after the Christmas Concert. Drop them off the week of December 2nd—6th between 9:00 am—5:00 pm. Sign up on the ***Keeping In Touch*** form.

Women's Christmas Gathering | Sat., Dec. 7 | 11:00 AM—1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

As the Christmas season approaches, let's take a moment to pause and prepare our hearts for the One we celebrate. You are warmly invited to our Women's Christmas Event, themed "**Prepare Him Room.**" We'll enjoy a time of fellowship, reflection, and delicious heavy appetizers together. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, refocus, and rejoice in the gift of our Savior. Feel free to bring a friend and join us as we prepare room in our hearts for Him this season. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form

Anxiety Support Group | Mon., Dec. 9 | 7:00-8:00 pm | Library

Join a supportive group of adults (within the membership and from outside) who meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, to help encourage one another in dealing with anxiety.

S.A.L.T. Christmas Luncheon | Sat. Dec. 14 | 11:30 AM | Tropical Acres

SALT Christmas Luncheon will be at Tropical Acres located at 2500 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale, 33312. Sign up on the ***Keeping In Touch*** form and note your meal preference; grilled salmon OR Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost is \$25 per person, due by Sunday, December 8. Contact Jane Green at 954-709-9904 for more information.

UOCOMING AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Christmas Open House at Campos | Sat., Dec. 14 | 2-5 PM

Drop by between 2:00-5:00 to say "Hi." Park at the church and walk over to the manse located at 3418 Pierce Street. Please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you plan to visit.

Family Christmas Party | Tues., Dec. 17 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Park Road families —we are having a Christmas party that the whole family is invited. So put on your best Christmas sweater and we'll see you there!

Cancer Support Group | Wed., Dec. 18 | 6:30-7:30 pm | Library

This peer support group is for anyone affected by cancer. Join us on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to share experiences and offer support, encouragement, and prayer. Any questions contact Joanne Gulum at jgulum007@aol.com

Christmas Eve Service | Tues., Dec. 24 | 5:00 PM

Join us for our candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm.

Moms Connect | Sat., Dec. 28 | 9:30—11:30 am | Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Jenny Letizia & Meegan Dorn at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and childcare is provided.

Annual Camping Trip | Feb. 20-23, 2025 | Fisheating Creek -Palmdale, FL

All are welcome to join us! If you would like more information please contact Mike Carpenter at 954-325-5468. Sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form if you would like to attend.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for members who give in-person or by mail. Envelopes are not ordered for donations made online or by automatic bank withdrawal.

Orchid:

The orchid today is given by Deborah Oakes in remembrance of family members. If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2025 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch Form***.

PARK ROAD PRES CHURCH

Kids Sermon Notes!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

Write someone you can pray for this week:

Write something you want God to answer for you:

Who is one friend that does not know Jesus? Pray for them!

Who is someone that is sick that you can pray for?

This year, what are you thankful for?

FILL IN THE BLANK

(hint: it's our scripture memory verse in Children's Church)

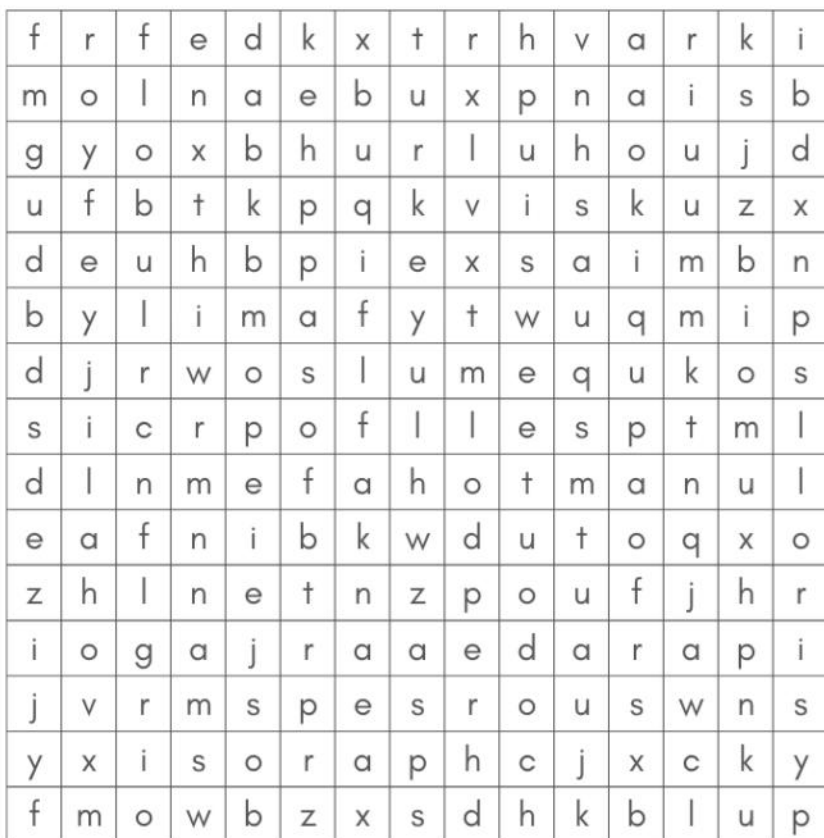
How, then, can they ___ on him they have not _____ in? And how can they _____ without _____ about him? And how can they _____ without a _____ ?

Romans 10:14

THANKSGIVING

word search

Can you find all the words related to Thanksgiving?



cranberry

football

pumpkin

squash

dinner

parade

pumpkin

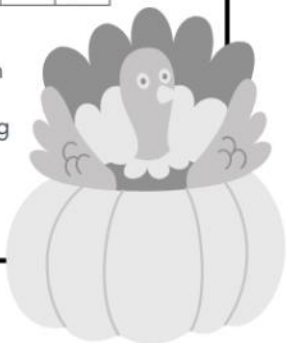
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rolls

turkey



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