

A cordial welcome to each of you! Let us join together in worshiping the God who created and sustains us. Praise the Lord with joy and gladness.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**CONGREGATION: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:***

PASTOR: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**CONGREGATION: *He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.***

PASTOR: For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

**CONGREGATION: *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.***

PASTOR: Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

**PASTOR & CONGREGATION: *Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.***

Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14, 21, 22

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome the musicians of Penn View Bible Institute, who will be ministering to us this morning under the direction of Lucas Shrout.**
- Area churches in Special Services include Schenectady (September 22-27) with Speaker John Parker, and Grand Gorge (September 23-30) with speaker Kenny Miles.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week we are praying for the **Endicott** church. At present there is no pastor.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Recent requests from the Cobleskill church include Ralph, Todd, Sharon, and Laverne.
- Pray for:
  - Ed and Rosemary Snyder, and the Mincers and the Bowmans, coping with fire losses.
  - Neighbors, relatives and friends with spiritual needs for whom prayer has been requested.
  - Peace in Sherry's life (from our online prayer forum).
  - Our young people.
  - The renovation of our church building.
  - Conference President Case and the Council.
  - Our armed services personnel.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Recent requests for physical needs:
  - Doris Cook, Doris Bates, Earl Bickford, Glenn Hockmeyer
- Continue to pray for:
  - Gary Vosburgh, Susan Ford, Claire, Kathy Moltzen, Noreen, Richard Berg, Lillian Jamison, Duane Maxey, Johnny Cuscuna

# Drawing Near

The nearer we come to God, the more graciously will he reveal himself to us. When the prodigal comes to his father, his father runs to meet him. When the wandering dove returns to the ark, Noah puts out his hand to pull her in unto him. When the tender wife seeks her husband's society, he comes to her on wings of love. Come then, dear friend, let us draw nigh to God who so graciously awaits us, yea, comes to meet us.

Did you ever notice that passage in Isaiah 58:9? There the Lord seems to put Himself at the disposal of His people, saying to them, "Here I am." As much as to say -- "What have you to say to me? What can I do for you? I am waiting to bless you." How can we hesitate to draw near? God is nigh to forgive, to bless, to comfort, to help, to quicken, to deliver. Let it be the main point with us to get near to God. This done, all is done. If we draw near to others, they may before long grow weary of us and leave us; but if we seek the Lord alone, no change will come over His mind, but He will continue to come nearer and yet nearer to us by fuller and more joyful fellowship.

—C.H. Spurgeon

*Public worship occurs when the people of God assemble for the express purpose of giving to the Lord the glory due His name and enjoying the joy of His promised special presence with His own people.*

— J. Ligon Duncan

## Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Isaiah 33:10-36:22	Isaiah 37:1-38:22	Isaiah 39:1-41:16	Isaiah 41:17-43
NT	Galatians 5:13-26	Galatians 6:1-18	Ephesians 1:1-23	Ephesians 2:1-22
PSA	Psalms 64:1-10	Psalms 65:1-13	Psalms 66:1-20	Psalms 67:1-7
PROV	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Isaiah 43:14-45:10	Isaiah 45:11-48:11	Isaiah 48:12-50:11	
	Ephesians 3:1-21	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:17-32	
	Psalms 68:1-18	Psalms 68:19-35	Psalms 69:1-18	
	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26	