

Pilgrim Holiness Church, Middleburgh, New York
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*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to
refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that
no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his
holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the
north, the city of the great King.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11; Psalms 48:1,2

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas Choir Practice tonight after church.
- **November 13** - Zone Rally at East Worcester
- **November 14** - 1 PM - Meet to finish packing and labeling the shoeboxes
- **November 15** - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox dedication in the morning service. This will be the last Sunday to make a donation for the expenses to send the boxes.
- **November 22** - Special Thanksgiving Service 9:30 AM. The annual **Self-Denial Offering** for foreign missions will be received.
- **November 29** - First Sunday of Advent

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 AM Morning Worship 9:30 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM,
Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week we are praying for the **Green Grove, Pennsylvania** church. Jonathan Fall is the pastor.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Recent requests from the Cobleskill church include **Caroline, Ann, Ruth, 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, including Julia, Butch, Barb, and Wayne.
 - **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:
 - **Joy Montgomery, Paul Heckman , Erika (Slozat) LeBaron , Marc Sankey, Gwendolyn Lecates**
- Continue to pray for:
 - **Judy Williams** and **Mary Braun** (of Victory Trio), **Dean Hughes , Doris Cook, Earl Bickford, Marie Rooney, Gary Vosburgh, Susan Ford, Kathy Moltzen, Noreen, Mark Vosburgh, Lillian Jamison, Duane Maxey**

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Ezekiel 18:1-19:14	Ezekiel 20:1-49	Ezekiel 21:1-22:31	Ezekiel 23:1-49
NT	Hebrews 9:1-10	Hebrews 9:11-28	Hebrews 10:1-17	Hebrews 10:18-39
PSA	Psalms 106:32-48	Psalms 107:1-43	Psalms 108:1-13	Psalms 109:1-31
PROV	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9	Proverbs 10	Proverbs 11
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Ezekiel 24:1-26:21	Ezekiel 27:1-28:26	Ezekiel 29:1-30:26	
	Hebrews 11:1-16	Hebrews 11:17-31	Hebrews 11:32-12:13	
	Psalms 110:1-7	Psalms 111:1-10	Psalms 112:1-10	
	Proverbs 12	Proverbs 13	Proverbs 14	

Louisa May Alcott, the author of *Little Women* and other books, once wrote of a unique experience she had one morning while walking through a woods. She wrote of the moss being like velvet, the arches of yellow and red leaves, then coming upon a meadow bathed in glorious sunshine. Her heart sang for joy at the beauty of it all.

Then she told of a strange and solemn feeling coming over her as she stood in a place with no sound but the rustle of the pines. She wrote of an epiphany she had. “It seemed as if I felt God as I never did before, and I prayed in my heart that I might keep that happy sense of nearness all of my life.”

—*Searching for God in America*

The more time I spend keeping my eye on who God is, his perspective, his goals for me, the more fun I have, the more joyful I feel, the more peace I have.

—Michelle Akers

There is an old hymn that used to be sung in our sanctuaries much more than it is today. Entitled “Take Time to Be Holy,” its theme is that a person who would be whole and wholesome in life has to take time to be alone with the Lord. There have to be intimate interludes with Christ in which he can convey his life and character to us.

It takes time for the special little gifts his gracious Spirit sees fit to bestow upon us in the common rounds of our daily lives. Like shells upon the sand, they may not always be obvious. They may not be so large we just stumble over them. It may take time and effort and thought to find them. But it can become a habit for us to be on the lookout constantly for bits of divine loveliness and natural beauty all about. There is such a thing as God's child learning to look for the exquisite touch of his Father's hand and heart in the world around him.

--W. Phillip Keller