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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.
(Zechariah 2:13)

Silence fosters awe before the Almighty

A lamentable aspect of our materialistic culture is a diminishment of awe before the Lord. Sometimes it takes a nearby tragedy or storm to make us stand, hand over mouth, awestricken before the Lord God Almighty. The biblical word about silence before the Lord draws upon the third of Zechariah's eight visions of hope for Judah during its captivity. This vision pictures a people peacefully settled in the "holy land" (the only place in the Bible that term appears). The Zionism depicted here is inclusive, not exclusive. Jews are to be what Abraham envisioned, a people whose faith enables others to find God's blessing for themselves. The vision portrays God's presence in the midst of Jerusalem, with all nations reconciled and at peace. No need to survey Jerusalem's boundaries, the young man in Zechariah's vision is told, for the Lord will be "the wall of fire around it [and] its glory within." Here is something to shout about, certainly - security plus joyous splendor. When the Holy One appears on the stage of the heart, just as when he entered history at Bethlehem, silence is an appropriate human response.

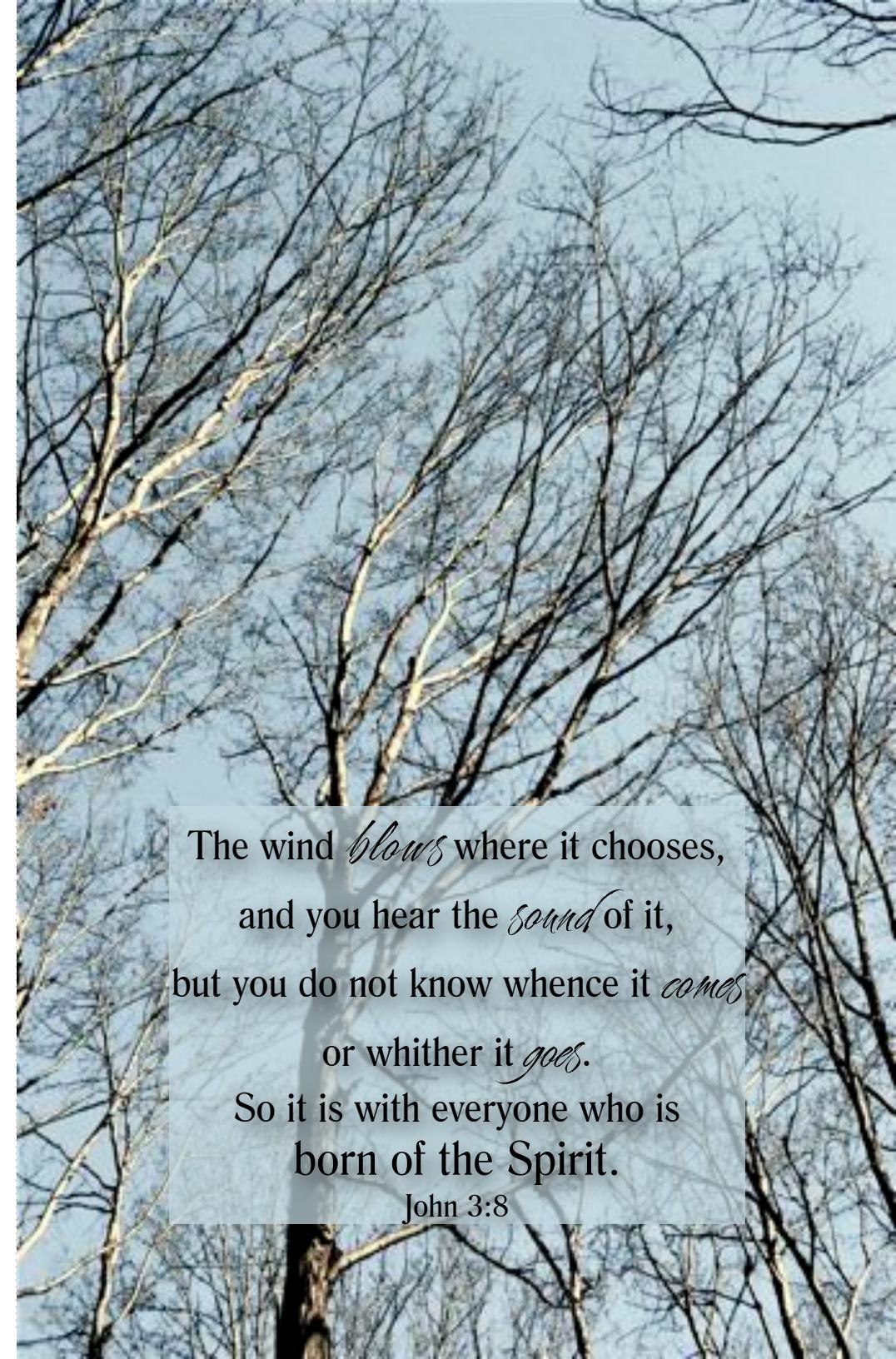
Picture curtains being pulled just before a major drama or symphony begins. How expectantly the audience waits! This is how silence should be: a holy hush as the King of glory strides on stage. In the words of the text: "Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

Let a quiet hush precede your praise to the Almighty.

—Arthur O. Roberts, *The Fruit of the Vine*, Barclay Press, Newberg, Oregon

*May the things that claim our attention fall away
while we focus upon you, O Lord.*

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The wind *blows* where it chooses,
and you hear the *sound* of it,
but you do not know whence it *comes*
or whither it *goes*.
So it is with everyone who is
born of the Spirit.
John 3:8

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With joyful hearts we sincerely welcome you to this service of worship.
Let us approach the throne of grace with openness and love that we may all realize God's presence and power.

Call to Worship

For God so loved the world

That He gave us Jesus, His only Son

So that whosoever believes in Him

May not perish but have eternal life.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world

But in order that the world might be saved through Him.

God so loved the world, that He sacrificed His only Son.

Come, let us follow Christ, God's only Son, the Messiah.

—based on John 3:16,17

Announcements

- **This Friday**, 10:30 a.m. - Women's Prayer and Fellowship at Rosemary Snyder's house. From there we will plan to go out to lunch. All women and girls are encouraged to join us! If you need transportation or directions, please see Mrs. Owens.
- **March 25-27** - Annual Conference Ministerial Convention.
- **April 2** - 7:00 p.m. - Annual Business Meeting.
- **April 12** - 6:00 p.m. - GBS Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble at Pine View Community Church in Albany.
- Every Sunday through Palm Sunday - 2:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal for the community Good Friday service.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.
— FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests

- This week we are praying especially for our sister church at **Scotts Patent**. Kenneth Miles is the pastor.
- **Revival** in our church and community.
- **Christians** around the world, especially those in Ukraine.
- **Continue** to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Mary and Shawn.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Missionaries and Mission leaders: the Blackcalfs, B. Fay, Pasteur Duvoçois, C. Hostetler, L. Hunter, the Kisers, the Kurtenses, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Mussters, the D. Shermans, the J. Shermans; and the Himelicks and others at VICM.
 - Our **young people** - schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
 - Bible Colleges - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.

• **Pray** for these physical need requests:

Naomi Hunter Smith, Ruth Smith Moulton, Sharon Waggoner, Clayton Jones, Richard R., Mark Vosburgh, Kathy M., Regina Ford, Inga, Doug Canfield, G. Bartholomew, Chris Polack, Jim Marquit, Charles & Thelma Heckman, B. & H. Komornick, Robert Owens, D. Durfee, Sandy Griesemer and mother, Mike Fuller, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.

Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT	Numbers 24:1-25:18	Numbers 26:1-51	Numbers 26:52-28:15	Numbers 28:16-29:40
NT	Luke 2:1-35	Luke 2:36-52	Luke 3:1-22	Luke 3:23-38
PSA	Psalm 59:1-17	Psalm 60:1-12	Psalm 61:1-8	Psalm 62:1-12
PROV	Proverbs 16	Proverbs 17	Proverbs 18	Proverbs 19

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Numbers 30:1-31:54	Numbers 32:1-33:39	Numbers 33:40-35:34	Numbers 36:1-
	Luke 4:1-30	Luke 4:31-5:11	Luke 5:12-28	Deuteronomy 1:46
	Psalm 63:1-11	Psalm 64:1-10	Psalm 65:1-13	Luke 5:29-6:11
	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22	Psalm 66:1-20
				Proverbs 23

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Other announcements
& prayer requests