

Pilgrim Holiness Church, Rt. 145, Middleburgh, New York

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:4-10

We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands. May the Lord bless us all.

- The second offering today is a special offering taken for the Victory Grove Camp urgent needs.
- **This week** - March 24-26 - is the conference annual Ministerial Convention (held this year in Schenectady). Due to this event, **there will be no Wednesday night midweek service here.**
- **April 5** - Palm/Passion Sunday (Communion Sunday)
- **April 5 - 12** - Passion Week
- **April 10** - Good Friday
- **April 12** -EASTER. A special self-denial offering for home missions will be received. Pray and plan now how much to give.
- **April 24** - Zone Rally at Grand Gorge
- Be sure to check out our church web site for updates, bulletins, and pictures of recent church events.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Schenectady**. The pastors are G. Dickerson and B. Wallick.
- There was a fire in the Millville, New Jersey church facility Tuesday. While no one was hurt, both church and parsonage are unusable for awhile.
- Neighbors **Jim** and **Yvonne**.
- Chris and family, Margo and family
- Recent requests for physical needs -
 - **Howard Mickle** (and Bonita), **Pastor Dixon, John Tylutki**
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church: **Yvonne, Julie, Natalie, Laverne, Helen, Ralph, Kathleen, Genevieve, and Sharon**.
- Continue to pray for:
 - **Roger Ellers** (very low), **Sandy Griesmer and her mother, Noreen, Doris Cook, David Rison, Marie Rooney, Nora Johnson, Keith Posson, Mark Vosburgh, Rosemary Snyder**
 - Our **young people**, especially:
 - Lyndsay France
 - Seth and Isaac Owens
 - Keith Posson
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston , Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, and Charles Laraway**.
- Pray for our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Numbers 33:40-35:34	Numbers 36:1-	Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29	Deuteronomy 4:1-49
NT	Luke 5:12-28	Deuteronomy 1:46	Luke 6:12-38	Luke 6:39-7:10
PSA	Psalm 65:1-13	Luke 5:29-6:11	Psalm 67:1-7	Psalm 68:1-18
PROV	Proverbs 22	Psalm 66:1-20	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25
		Proverbs 23		
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25	Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20	Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22	
	Luke 7:11-35	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:4-21	
	Psalm 68:19-35	Psalm 69:1-18	Psalm 69:19-36	
	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27	Proverbs 28	

What is prayer?

If the Bible is our food, then prayer is our air. It's the way by which we draw in the atmosphere of God.

Prayer is rich and varied. Sometimes we confess our sins in a prayer of penitence. Sometimes we praise God in worship and thanksgiving. Sometimes we ask God for help and grace to meet whatever comes our way. Sometimes we pray for other people. Sometimes we're quiet, knowing that when we stop clamoring and pleading our case, there comes a sense of God's reply, some intimation of his will, some message from him to us.

Remember that nothing God can ever give is comparable to himself. It is God we seek in prayer. Everything else is secondary.



Seven-year-old Kathy tried to quiet her younger brother during a church service. "Hush ... hush," she warned him. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why?" asked the brother. "Who's going to stop me?"

Kathy pointed to the rear of the sanctuary. "See those men standing back there? Well, those are the hushers!"



Several years ago, an expensive laboratory jet was approaching Edwards Air Force Base in California. When the pilot tried to lower the nose wheel to landing position, it didn't respond.

The co-pilot ran a quick check and traced the problem to a faulty relay panel. Recognizing the problem, he hunted around for something to bypass the relay and activate the nose gear.

He found a paper clip and bent it so that it bypassed the problem and triggered the nose gear. It worked like a charm, saving the expensive jet, not to mention the crew, from a crash landing.

At that moment, for that special job, the lowly paper clip was more important than the rest of the sophisticated equipment on the plane.

If God wants you at a specific moment, for a special job, are you willing to be shaped into the solution?