

Psalm 111 – His Presence

By Dan Jenkins

I am not sure about all the details of the assembly that the psalmist mentions in Psalm 111, but I do know that a great blessing awaits us in how the assembly applies to our lives. The psalmist said, "Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation." He calls that assembly, "the congregation."

There is an assembly, a congregation, we know that is part of Christianity. Who does not know these words? "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..." (Hebrews 10:25). This is the church, and this assembly is when she gathers to worship. If the psalmist rejoiced at the opportunity to be part of the congregation when it assembled, how much more should we!

The psalmist described the assembly as the made up, those who were the upright. Peter describes our assembly as being "living stones," who are part of "a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God." But, he does not stop with these words in describing those righteous ones who are in that assembly. He says, "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" (1 Peter. 2:5, 9). These are those who assemble to praise the Lord.

Consider what a blessing it is to assemble with God's chosen ones. Consider what happens every time I am part of that congregation of priests who serve Him.

These upright ones sing to me, and I sing to them as we join our voices in praising the Lord. The unseen guest in the midst of that assembly is Jesus (Hebrews 2:12).

These upright ones listen, as I listen to the Lord speak in that assembly. He was the visible teacher in the Sermon on the Mount, but He is the invisible Teacher in the assembly, as we study the exact same words in our worship of Him.

These upright ones join me in prayers in that assembly. We pray together in His name because wherever two or three pray together, He is our unseen guest (Matthew 18:20).

These upright ones share the memorial feast remembering Him. We have communion in the body and the blood of that unseen guest. He promised He would be present and share it with us (Matt. 26:29).

He is present every week. I hope you are!

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of June.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Whittington 5/28

Tammy Sieber 6/2

Kyle Buckingham 6/7

Phyllis Caldwell 6/9

Reed Rohr 6/13

Evelyn Lam 6/14

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Happy Anniversary!

Bryan & Amie Allen 6/1

Tom & Patsy Muter 6/10

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Join us at our Family Life Workshop on June 24-25:

Parenting in the Digital Age

Presented by a team from the Lebanon Rd. Church of Christ in TN.

Be sure to pick up a flyer and invite family and friends to join us.

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Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm

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Thank you to those who came out to help work around the building and outside on Saturday!

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	May 28, 2023 AM	May 28, 2023 PM	June 4, 2023 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jason Bang	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Owen Whittington	Duane Kemp	Jason Bang
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Owen Whittington	Duane Kemp	Seth Arrell
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jason Bang	Chris McGiffin	Tim Bang

**This week's Bible Verse**

“Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore.”  
1 Chronicles 16:11

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**Lord's Supper Reflection**

*To Give Us Access to the Holy Places*

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:19-22

**Offering Meditation**

*Jacob's Example of Thanksgiving*

“Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup>so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. <sup>22</sup>And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.” Genesis 28:20-22

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- \*Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- \*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- \*Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - health, comfort, strength for the family/caregivers
- \*Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision and dementia
- \*Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- \*Caroline Stine - health
- \*Tim Bang - health/tests

- \*Norma Murphy (Dustin Desarro's aunt) - is recovering from a fall
- \*Family and friends of James Murphy (Dustin Desarro's uncle) grieving his passing
- \*Carter Buckingham - still trying to figure out what the pain he's having is caused by

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, May 21		Wednesday, May 24	
Bible Classes	39	Bible Classes	29
AM Attendance	45		
PM Attendance	24	Contribution	\$1,040.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## May 28, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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Greenville, OH 45331

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!  
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.