

# New Song News

**1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 (ESV)** "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name

**Psalms 46:1-3, 10-11 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Today

- ✓ Sundays 9am, Experiencing God study. See Terri Stevens for info.
- ✓ "Scooch!" Please make room for others looking for seats.

## This Week

- ✓ Daily Readings: *Mon. Mark 10:35-52, Tues Mark 11:1-14, Wed Mark 11:15-33, Thurs Mark 12:1-17, Fri Mark 12:18-40 Sat/Sun Proverbs 4:14-27*
- ✓ Wednesday, 10am, Ladies' Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ?? Thursday, 7pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10am, Women's Bible Study at New Song HQ.
- ?? Friday, 1pm, Learning Community in person and via Zoom.

## Looking Ahead

- ✓ Leadership Team meeting, March 29, 7pm.
- ✓ Governance Board meeting, April 1, 9:30am.
- ✓ Week of Prayer with Fasting, April 2-9; Prayer Gathering Wednesday, April 5, 7pm.
- ✓ Spring Workday, April 15.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ Sunday sermons & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel and Spotify (New Song Church in Pittsburgh)

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3/12/2023	\$ 1,399.32	\$ 3,114.71	3/12/2023 \$ 0.00	3/12/2023 \$2.00	3/12/2023 \$ 20.00
To Date	\$ 33,860.12	\$ 34,261.83	Balance: \$ 4,025.77	Month Total \$ 15.45	To Date \$1,140.00

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## Being a Light, Not Whining About Darkness

*Walking through Philippians, part 6*      March 19, 2023

**Philippians 2:3-4** <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)**

✓ "Mission" assignment (from LC):

1. Pray daily for God to give us His heart, especially for the lost.
2. Pay attention as God identifies the lies and obstacles to surrender.
3. Write down and be ready to share what God reveals and you experience.
4. Be ready and fight hard the ensuing spiritual battles

**Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**Philippians 2:12-18 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 981)

### *Habitual actions to live as light*

#### 1. Embrace the big-picture: Christlikeness.

**Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)** (pew Bible 981)

➔ Obey with integrity

➔ Work at growing up in Christ

➔ Be "a branch" letting God work in and through you

*The more we become like Christ, the more people will see Christ!!*

*The point is not the light but that on which the light shines!*

## 2. Employ everyday practices of Christlikeness.

Philippians 2:14-18 (ESV) (pew Bible 981)

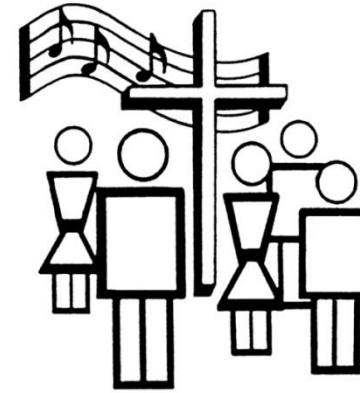
➔ Rejoice and Cooperate – no complaining or arguing, v. 14

➔ Dispel the darkness by being Christ's Light, v. 15

A. Blameless in behavior and pure in character

B. In the middle of a crooked and twisted culture.  
crooked: unscrupulous and dishonest  
twisted: pursuing perversity as right and leading others to do so

➔ Hold & live God's Truth – no compromise and offer to others, v. 16



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Romans 13:11–14 (ESV) (pew Bible page 948)

➔ Rejoice in sacrificing for Christ, vs. 17-18

***What do we do with this?***

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?

## Living Our Utmost for His Highest

*“with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”* Philippians 1:20a (ESV)

### † Pay Attention

around us and what God says about it

### † Be Ready

developing God's skill-set and mind-set

### † Soldiering Together

rejoicing, weeping and sharpening TOGETHER