

New Song News

Lamentations 3:21–26 (ESV) ²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Psalms 1 (ESV) ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Today

- ✓ 9:00am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, adult Learning Community.
- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb’s books as a welcome gift.

This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, 7:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 1:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Saturday, 9:30pm, Governance Board Meeting.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Jan. 18, 8-9:30am, Men’s Monthly Study.
- ✓ Feb. 1 – Men’s No Regrets Conference at New Song, 8:45am – 2:30pm. Block the day, invite others and pray in prep. More details soon. Sign-up sheet is at the end of the hall
- ✓ Feb. 23, All-Church Annual Meeting and Winter dinner after worship.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



	Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
12/29/2024	\$ 3,266.50	\$ 3,560.25	12/29/2024 \$ 0.00	12/29/2024 \$ 0.00	12/29/2024 \$ 50.00
To Date	\$ 207,573.04	\$ 185,133.00	Balance: \$ 2,444.97	Month Total \$ 73.75	To Date \$ 3,620.00
So you can receive credit for your giving, please print your name & amount on the offering envelope.					

Talking in Step

January 5, 2025

James 1:19–20 ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **James 1:19–20 (ESV)**

Items of Note

- ✓ Christ Birthday Offering so far: **\$3498.00.**
- ✓ How are you “S.O.A.P. ing?”
- ✓ “My Daily Pursuit” by A.W. Tozer devotional clarification.
- ✓ Learning Communities Resume this week – bring topics, questions, challenges about communicating

Getting intentional about “TALKING in step” with Jesus

Connecting with others where they are; starting in their shoes; reaching into their to make them feel heard and loved as Jesus did.



1. it is a high priority with God.

➔ Jesus’ incarnation is the highest example – we are to do the same

John 13:34–35 (ESV) ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Philippians 2:5–8 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)



2. it is rooted in emotional security in Christ.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing **you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Matthew 15:1–20 (ESV) (pew Bible page 820)

- ➔ greater intimacy and alignment gives greater
 - ✓ freedom from triggers, entanglements, being threatened, fear, etc.
 - ✓ confidence in our value in Christ instead of people
 - ✓ clarity and Spirit control in “danger”
 - ✓ others...

- ➔ DANGER: we get stuck in our perspective and don’t realize it

Philippians 2:3–4 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

3. it requires commitment and skill training.

- ➔ essential but rarely intentionally learned

Romans 14:19 (ESV) So then **let us pursue** what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Hebrews 12:14–15 (ESV) ¹⁴**Strive for peace** with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵**See to it** that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

What do we do with this?

- ➔ Enough time...
- ➔ Pay attention to situations and your response this week
- ➔ ASK QUESTIONS!!
 - with God in the Throne Room and throughout each day
 - with others when you want to “tell”

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



New Song
Community Church

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