

Connections

December 2022

All is Well

Corey Laughary, Pastor



As we've journeyed through the first three chapters of the book of Revelation, I've experienced many of us having a growing assurance that in Christ Jesus **all is well**.

A quick way to summarize all of the Book of Revelation is this: "All is well when you are with Christ."

We've had a great journey through the 7 messages to the 7 churches of Revelation 2 + 3.* All was not well in the way some of the folks were living, but in each of the messages Jesus told His people that **all is well** for those who have an ear to hear Him and allow Him to conquer the darkness we struggle with in our lives.

We started our Advent sermon series on Nov. 27 summarizing the messages to all 7 churches in Revelation 2 + 3. We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Charles Revis preaching Dec. 4th on the "Prodigal Son" story from Luke 15, and how **all is well** when we receive the identity the Father is offering us. Then, we are going to jump back in time to the prophet Micah in the Old Testament for two weeks (Dec. 11+ 18) and learn about how God promised to send the Great Shepherd into the world. The studies and sermon the week of Dec. 18 will culminate in a wonderful Christmas Pageant that Camille Wadleigh is directing that will emphasize how the shepherds of Bethlehem experienced the first Advent of Jesus.

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Christmas Eve services will remind us that the Light of Heaven has been born into the world. We will have services at 7 and 11 PM. These services both end in candlelight and are open to anyone and everyone. They are joyous! Invite friends, family and neighbors.

We are BLESSED this year that Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sundays. We will be offering worship services for those that are able to gather and celebrate Jesus Christ. If you haven't worshiped on Christmas morning before, it is very special. And what better way to start a New Year than to worship God and have the Lord's Supper together.

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Join us this Advent and commit to worshipping Christ all of Advent - in person and online worship services are available.

Depending On Jesus,

Pastor Corey

*Many have asked if we are going to continue in the book of Revelation. The answer is "yes"- but we will be pausing the Revelation study until after Easter, Lord willing. This is partly/mostly so that I can prepare better, but also because we have a couple of sermon series coming up to start the new year and for Lent 2023. I look forward to studying through the book of Revelation after Easter.

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The people who
walked in darkness
have seen a great
light; those who
dwelt in a land of
deep darkness, on
them has light
shone.

Isaiah 9:2

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Christmas Giving Opportunities

- Food Vouchers & Food Boxes for local families - donations due by 12/18.
- Uganda Christmas Party - donations due by 12/18.
- Gifts for Lakeland Village residents (David, Richard, Mary, Katie, Susan, Robert, Joe, Scott, Vanessa & Tom). Gift lists are available at the church and unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by 12/11.

Designate on your check or giving envelope or give online at:
palousechurch.org

Nights of Peace

Thursdays
Dec. 1, 8 & 15 | 6 - 8 PM
Holy Trinity Chapel
Corner of Bridge and Alder

In the midst of a busy season, drop by the Chapel anytime from 6-8 PM to light a candle, meditate on scripture, and anchor your heart in peace.

Christmas Caroling & Chili Dinner

Dec. 11 | 5 PM
Palouse Federated Church

Meet in the parking lot and set out caroling through Palouse neighborhoods.
Dinner to follow.

Christmas Eve Services

Dec. 24 | 7 & 11 PM
Palouse Federated Church

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve services at a time that works for you and your family. As always, we'll end the service by candlelight and singing Silent Night.

Christmas Program

Dec. 18 at 6 PM

Our annual Christmas program features area children and youth with a little help from the adults.

Join us as the shepherds provide a faithful retelling of the Christmas story. You'll leave joy-filled and in wonder of our amazing God.

There's still time to join, just contact Hua Ming Newman or Camille Wadleigh if you would like to participate - ALL AGES WELCOME.



Laughary Family Open House

Dec. 11 at 11:15 AM

Please join us for a Christmas get together at our home, 200 E. Maxwell Street on Sunday December 11th at 11:15 AM. Come for a while, or just drop in for a few minutes. We will serve some Christmas goodies and enjoy being together.





Youth Group
6th - 9th Grades
Wednesdays
6:30 - 8 PM
NEW - Join us for Dinner - NEW
Stay for Bible Study
Games & Fun



Sunday School classes meet weekly for kids age 3 and potty-trained through 5th Grade. Meet us downstairs for class every Sunday from 11:15 AM - Noon.

Live

Chat

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS
11:15 AM

FIND OUR TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER YOU GRAB A SNACK AT COFFEE HOUR.

WE'LL CONNECT FOR A QUICK CHAT AND SOME DEEP BIBLE TRUTHS!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL CHECK-IN WITH BETTY SAWYER

Youth Retreat

Theme:
Take Courage
Matthew 14:27

December 2-4 at Ross Point
Register at www.rosspoint.org
Contact Hua Ming Newman with any questions:
huaming@palousechurch.org

For information on the mission and ministries of Palouse Federated Church including links to online worship services and a digital bulletin, as well as resources like sermons, newsletters, and online giving, visit: palousechurch.org

Home

Palouse Federated Church is an interdenominational Christian church born out of the coming together of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Palouse, WA. Respect for people from other Christian traditions has been a hallmark of our community

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Bible Study Schedule

Contact the Church for More Information

Tues. | 5:30 AM | Men

Tues. | 10 AM | Mixed Group

Wed. | 10 AM | Ladies

Wed. | 6:30 PM | Middle School

Wed. | 6:30 PM | Spiritual Growth Group

Gingerbread House Extravaganza!

Entries Due:
12/17 | 12 - 2 PM
Outside the St. Elmo

Entries will be displayed in St. Elmo's windows and prizes will be awarded.



Holiday Cookie Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Palouse Library

Palouse Community Center
12/22 | 11 AM - 3 PM
For Kids Age 6 and Older



Palouse Food Pantry

December 14
1-2:30 PM & By Appointment
Calvary Chapel of Palouse

Order Online: palousefoodpantry@gmail.com
Or Call the Pantry: (509) 595-3048
In-person pick up, or delivery by request.

Kindness for Kids Food Pantry

The Kindness for Kids food pantry at the school is in need of:



- Tuna or canned chicken.
- Individual cereal cups (the ones you just put the milk in and use it as a bowl).
- Fresh fruit or veggies.
- Cheese sticks.
- Individual packets of nuts.
- Canned fruit and/or veggies (applesauce, peaches, corn, green beans, etc.).

Bring your donations to the church and leave them in the clear plastic bins.



“I get to...”

Hua Ming Newman

I hate that I have to wake up early for work. I also dislike that I have to go to college. Later today I have to wash my bed sheets. How often do we tell ourselves or tell others that we “have to...”?



During the month of November, as we considered being thankful during our gratitude campaign, I kept thinking about how we say “I have to...” all the time and I hear it everywhere. I personally say, “I have to” a lot, so I tried thinking about how I should change my wording to “I get to...” – in an effort to grow in my gratitude. I have been doing this now for a couple weeks and it really has changed my view on how I look at work and it has made me grateful for what I have.

Now, I get to wake up early for work because God has blessed me with amazing jobs. I get the opportunity to go to college and get an education. I get to wash my sheets and sleep in a clean bed. I did not realize the impact in my life that one word has.

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This month our youth theme is “Unwrapping the True Gift of Christmas.” Changing how we talk about worship can help us here too, if we move from “have to” to “get to.” We get to worship an all-mighty and all-loving God. We do not have to worship him because we get to worship God. I am not forced to worship a God who gave his only son to take our sins because I get to.

I encourage you to think about your week and consider how many times did you say “I have to” or “I had to.” Now, I challenge you for the coming week to start saying “I get to” or “I got to” because it will change how you look at the world, it will help you live with gratitude, and it will help you keep your heart focused on the true gift of Christmas – Jesus!



To all who sent a birthday greeting to Dory Tuttle for her 90th birthday:

“I can’t thank you enough. Dory was so happy with all the cards that came from the church members. It really made her birthday celebration. With Dory’s love to all, Nancy Hegg”

When All is NOT Well

Betty Sawyer

My heart aches for the four students who were victims of the terrible homicide at the University of Idaho. If we were to ask their parents and close friends, “how’s it going?” I suppose they’d say NOT WELL. So how do we go on and find wellness in our soul through terrible times? Sometimes music says it best:



*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

“It Is Well with My Soul” written by Horatio Spafford

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888) was a successful lawyer and real estate investor in Chicago. He and his wife, Anna, had one son and four daughters and lived a life of philanthropy and service in their church, until 1871 that is. In that year, they lost their four-year-old son to scarlet fever, and a few months later, the great Chicago fire wiped out the majority of their property holdings. They made it through the next two years until, in 1873, tragedy struck again. The Spaffords had planned to visit Europe as a family, but business kept Horatio behind. On the voyage, the ship Anna and their four daughters were traveling on struck another vessel and sank rapidly. Only Anna survived; she sent a hauntingly brief telegram to Horatio bearing the words “Saved alone” (taken from americansongwriter.com).

Losing children and wealth would have been enough to destroy most men, but it inspired Horatio to write the timeless classic “It Is Well With My Soul.”

Job also had everything, and then it was taken away. These men went through extreme suffering and loss, and yet were able to find peace with God.

How did they obtain this peace with God and the world in times of immense trials? Only through the Holy Spirit entering their hearts and showering them with transforming peace and strength. And this peace is available to you and me today - to anyone who will call on God and be saved (taken from the reading plan Bible Project “It is Well with My Soul The Shocking True Story”).

I’m praying that the family and friends of Ethan, Xana, Madison and Kaylee will truly find God’s peace in their time of grief and tragic loss. And be able to say, “It is Well With My Soul.”

Rest In Peace, Ethan, Xana, Madison and Kaylee.

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*



**Joe & Karen
Adams
Mission
Aviation
Fellowship
Lesotho,
Africa**



The Adams family was with us 11/27 during our 10 AM worship service. If you missed it, you can listen at palousechurch.org/sermons.

“All is Well” Sermon Series Schedule

Check out the scripture schedule below for upcoming sermons and Bible studies.

- December 04 Father God Brings His Children Home (And, All Is Well) [Luke 15:11-32]
Rev. Dr. Charles Revis
- December 11 All is well [Micah 4:1-7]
- December 18 All is well [Micah 5:1-5]
- December 25 All is well [Luke 2:1-21]

Join an Advent Bible Reading Plan on the Bible App this Advent - read the scriptures along with others. This is a great way to read scripture together daily and go deeper with Jesus this Advent. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join an reading plan, or if you need help finding a different plan that works for you!

YouVersion

Scan the QR Code to the right and make us “My Church” inside the YouVersion Bible App. You’ll be able to quickly find our worship events for taking notes and have access to our featured Bible reading plan.



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