

# Haymarket Herald

December 2020



## The Gospel of Mark

## Preparing for Christmas Through the Psalms

Typically, I begin preaching from one of the Gospels during Advent, so that the congregation can hear directly about the coming of Jesus to earth and his birth in Bethlehem. But this year I am going to take a different approach. I am going to continue my sermon series on Psalms but focusing on four Messianic Psalms during the four Sundays of Advent.

David composed many of the psalms, and the others were written by various musicians over several centuries after David's time. Most of them deal with spiritual matters of the time: laments about the suffering experienced by the psalmist, or celebrations of answered prayer and various blessings that God had allowed the psalmist to experience. But a few psalms look far ahead to a time when God would do a new thing in Israel. These are called "Messianic Psalms," and they point forward to the coming of Jesus Christ as Israel's Messiah.

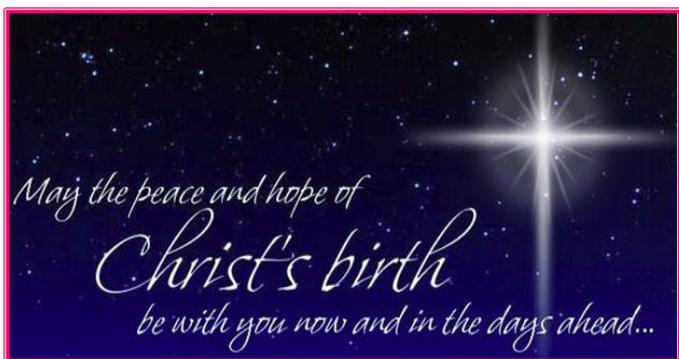
Some of these psalms involve what scholars call a "double-fulfillment" of their promises. This occurs when a promise is partially fulfilled by some leader that God sent to shepherd Israel during Old Testament times. For example, good kings like Hezekiah and Josiah fulfilled some of the promises made in the psalms. But ultimately, these promises were not completely fulfilled until Jesus was born, and lived, and ministered, and was crucified and then resurrected. Only after Christ came could the psalm be fully understood.

I encourage you to read these particular psalms during the four weeks of Advent to prepare yourself to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas:

November 29	Psalm 72	Christ as the Ideal King
December 6	Psalm 110	Jesus as Our High Priest
December 13	Psalm 8	Christ's Humanity
December 20	Psalm 2	Christ's Deity

Let's finish the year in a strong way by allowing God to speak to us through these psalms.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



**REV. ALLAN SMITH**

**Well-Fed!**

What a gift the “pounding” was on Sunday, November 15 after worship. The generosity that the congregation showed in offering notes of welcome, food items, and gift cards was overwhelming. It really should not come as a surprise knowing how generously the conversation shares with people in need, both locally and globally. It was a joy to laugh and fellowship with so many briefly in the parking lot. The pantry is well-stocked with snacks and meals, and there are sure to be some new twists on some old recipe favorites. Thank you for the welcome and hospitality over these first few months ministering with you.

**A Time to Grieve**

Believe it or not, the calendar is rolling right through the holiday season. This December issue of the Haymarket Herald is a reminder of all the Advent and Christmas events as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. While Christmas might look different in 2020 for some families than it has in years past due to COVID-19, the grace of God being with us brings hope, peace, joy, and love.

But for many the Advent and Christmas season is hard. Some families are experiencing the holiday season while continuing to grieve the loss of loved ones. Others continue to adjust to job loss or strained relationships. And due to COVID-19, it is a season that may not allow families to gather together.

In all things, the truth of Christmas is Emmanuel - God with us. In the midst of grief, you are not alone, for God is with you. There is hope and encouragement in the light that has come into the world at Christmas.

The **Service of Hope and Remembrance** will be held **Sunday evening, December 20, at 5:00.** Recognizing that the holiday season can be particularly difficult for those experiencing grief, this service is an opportunity to remember what has been lost and seek comfort in the grace and peace of Christ.

Allan Smith  
Associate Pastor for Community Outreach  
Haymarket Baptist Church



**DEACON'S BENCH**

December is upon us and our thoughts turn to the celebration of Christmas. Some of us will be making plans for traveling to be with loved ones living in other areas. We pray you will have great time and a safe trip. Others will be staying at home planning to have big Christmas Dinners and exchanging gifts with loved ones.

These are all good, but we must remember the true meaning of Christmas is about the birth of our savior Jesus. Those of us who are staying in town will be celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus at Haymarket Baptist Church. This year, because of COVID-19, the nativity scene will be in front of the Church as usual, but the sermon will be from the side door of the Church and you will be able to hear it on your car radio.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Deacon of the month for December  
Claude Dishmon



## CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

“Everything will be alright does not mean everything will stay the same.” This seems to be a good mantra for the world we currently live in. Who would have ever thought we would be able to walk into a bank wearing a mask without causing alarms to go off? Things have certainly changed at Haymarket Baptist Church as well. Despite that, many things remain the same. As the Christmas season approaches, most of our annual activities will still occur, albeit with some modifications. Here is a list of those activities and changes so that you can be prepared and still participate.

Our **Online Angel Un-Trim-A-Tree** is happening to help families in need provide Christmas gifts to their children. This year there is an **online ONLY sign-up** instead of pulling tags off the tree. To select a gift(s) to purchase, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACAB2DA1F85-angel>. No registration is required. Just click on the “Sign Up” box beside the gift you want to purchase and then on “Submit and Sign Up” at the bottom of the page. In the new window, fill in the boxes and click on “Sign Up Now” at the bottom of the page. The next screen will confirm your Sign Up. If you wish to purchase a second gift, click on “Back to Sign Up” to repeat the process. You are all done! Except for the shopping.

**Gifts are due back to HBC by Sunday, December 13.** You can drop them off during regular business hours or you may contact Edith to arrange a pick-up at your home. A third option is to order something online and have it delivered to HBC. We will wrap it for you! If you opt for this method, please let Edith know what you purchased for whom so that the box can be appropriately labeled.

**Christmas tributes and Memorials** will be much the same as always. Donations may be placed in the collection plate on Sunday, or you may donate online through the HBC webpage. You also have the option of bringing your donation to HBC during regular business hours until **Monday, December 7.**

**White Christmas is Sunday, December 6.** This year, instead of placing your food gifts at the

front of the church, a table will be placed in the Overflow room. Just put your **UNWRAPPED** food gifts there. You may also drop off your food gifts to HBC during regular business hours. A third option is to consider ordering your groceries from the merchant of your choice and have them delivered to HBC. If the store you prefer doesn’t deliver, contact Edith to see if a pick-up at that store can be arranged for your order.

**The Living Nativity** is still happening! It will be on **Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m.** The audience will stay in their cars and listen to the production on the radio! This should be warmer than in past years! The camel and nativity animals will still be there, but there will be no petting zoo. There is an online sign up for parts. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACAB2DA1F85-living> to choose the role you want. See the directions for the Angel Tree if you need help. Contact Edith if you have any questions or problems. Masks will be worn by actors and social distancing will be observed.

**Car Caroling on Saturday, December 19, at 5:00 p.m.** is a new activity for HBC. Because we will not be able to sing Christmas Carols in worship services, we will gather in our cars and sing along with the music that will be broadcast over the radio. Of all the activities, please come to this one so we can see how it works!

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Edith Kennedy, Christmas Committee



## CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

**M**erry Christmas!! I have to admit, my mother-in-law is right, there is something magical about Christmas with children. The excitement, the anticipation, the desire to decorate anything and everything around them – it really makes me excited to see such joy especially this year when everything has been upside down. I don't know about your children (or grandchildren) but this year mine put up our Christmas decorations and tree on the first of November, right beside the Thanksgiving decorations. And I am perfectly content having baby Jesus in his manger flanked by a cornucopia of fall decorations. We might make this a new tradition!

Sometimes I feel that our family gets so caught up in the December activities surrounding Christmas that we neglect the very meaning of the holiday we're celebrating. This year I feel like we are actually soaking in the reason for this holiday – since we started a month early. We have two months to bask in the glory of the meaning behind Christmas before the hustle and bustle starts.

I hope this Christmas you and your family are able to sit back and really soak in the true meaning of Christmas! And I do feel this is very doable this year since most activities and social gatherings are limited. I often feel that God's hand and blessing can be seen throughout 2020 in our lives. We, as a family, have slowed way down; we have spent more time at home together; we have written more handwritten cards to friends; we have zoomed and talked more with our grandparents and family members; we have created new traditions; spent more time outside in nature and did I mention we have slowed waaaaay down (very novel for our family)???

With all of the stress that 2020 has brought I feel that this Christmas my family can be happy to

get back to the basics and celebrate how we have slowed down our lives and been more present with one another. I think that is God's present to me this Christmas! Did God give you a similar gift this Christmas?

Speaking of gifts – I hope you and your children can join us this month for church service. Faith, Jake and I went shopping this week and have some exciting little presents to share with our friends who join us for church each Sunday in December.

Merry Christmas to you! We hope you have a truly blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christy Wisor  
Children's Committee Chairperson



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**T**he end of 2020 is near! Think most of us will be glad when it is gone! I am grateful that our church family has not been touched badly by the COVID, but it certainly still causes us concern.

We are continuing our study in Proverbs and finding it to be an enjoyable study. It will be sometime in January before we finish this study. I am grateful for all who have "stretched" and learned to do Zoom so that we can continue our study together and "see" each other. When we will meet again in person, is still not easy to determine.

*We will not meet the Monday before Christmas, December 21.*

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas, even though, it may be different than most! We still celebrate together the reason for the season, the gift of God's Son, Jesus

My gift to you is the wish for a healthy, safe holiday season and thanks for the many ways you have blessed my life.

Blessings from Bernie



## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**A**dult Sunday School Classes, being held virtually continue to have successful participation. The Sunday morning classes are as follows.

- Ambassadors Class at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. with Dee Thompson teaching
- 20's & 30's Class at 9:30 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. with Mark & Linda Olson teaching

If you are looking for a Sunday School Class, or if your own class is not meeting in person, consider joining either of these classes until we are back to a normal schedule. Contact the church office at 703-754-8546 for log in information.

**Children's Sunday School Classes** are being discussed with the reopening committee. However, with the recent increases to COVID-19 cases both locally and statewide, we will continue to evaluate after the first of the year. State and national guidelines will be considered before the date becomes a part of the church schedule.

Please continue to pray for a safe and successful return of our children to the Sunday School Program.

Linda Rhodes  
Sunday School Committee



## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

**R**ev. Allan Smith presented the Haymarket Police Department with ten \$25 McDonald's gift cards and ten \$20 Sheetz gift cards. These cards will be distributed to those in need by the Haymarket Police Department.

We plan to set up a continuing program utilizing the police for food, gas and hotel gift cards. These would be offered to those who are stranded and out of food or money.

We are sharing God's Love.

Gayle Hindle  
Outreach Committee

## FEAR NOT!

**O**n that first Christmas night, the angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid" (Luke 2:10). What is there to fear from a baby? A baby is powerless, with no guile, no anger and no judgment, only needing from us without fearing we will not provide: simply trusting, and content to be resting in our arms. This is how God came. This is Christmas. This one child, and for a time, perhaps too brief, our fears are taken over by our love for this child, and he is able to change our hearts. ...

In Jesus, we are free to live life as fully and as joyfully as we will allow ourselves. For it is only we who hold ourselves back. God does not. For God has forgiven us in this baby and will not restrain us from living with sheer abandon, trusting in this gentle and gracious God, who keeps telling us: "Do not be afraid."

—Gary Westgard, *At Break of Day*



**W**hite Christmas is on Sunday, December 6. Please bring a canned or boxed good for our church pantry ministry effort that will provide food for struggling families this Christmas. Below is a list of items we still need for the pantry.

In view of the church's restricted access during the COVID Pandemic, we will be placing a table outside of the Sunday School doors for those who wish to leave canned and boxed food during the week.

We ask you to check expiration dates and consider pop top cans. If you shop online consider having your items for the pantry delivered to the church by the delivery service that your own grocery merchant offers. They can be delivered to the table just outside the Sunday School doors. Please do not wrap them this year.

If you or someone you know has a need for food, please contact the church office.

- Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Salmon
- Beef Stew
- Jelly
- Evaporated Milk or Powdered Milk
- Cake Icing
- Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper
- Tomato Sauce, Paste, Puree
- Chili or Beans to make Chili
- Canned Pasta: Ravioli, Spaghetti, ABC's & 123's...
- Granola Bars
- Condiments, Ketchup, Mustard, Pickles, Mayo...
- Coffee, Tea, or Juices (Juice Boxes)
- Cookies Boxes of Stuffing
- Sweet Potatoes
- Tuna

- Canned Chicken
- Rice
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti and other boxes of pasta
- Baked Beans
- Green Beans, Corn, Peas, and other Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Cake Mix
- Oatmeal, Hot or Cold Cereal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Spaghetti or Alfredo Sauce and any Pasta
- Apple Sauce
- Canned Fruit as well as Fruit Cups



## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 2	Ainsley Ginn
Dec. 5	Betty Jean Payne Charles Riddle
Dec. 10	Coire O'Neal
Dec. 14	Debbie Swindall Heather Bayol
Dec. 15	Octavia Davis
Dec. 16	Sherri Busick Barbara Blizzard
Dec. 18	John Pross Hana Pross
Dec. 20	Laurie Frasz Jake Wisor
Dec. 22	Jim Jinks Lynda McVeary
Dec. 23	Irma Getty
Dec. 25	Jesus Christ
Dec. 26	Giselle Kilby
Dec. 28	Edith Kennedy Douglas White
Dec. 29	Lindsay McNeil
Dec. 30	Jaime Larios Lily Ginn



## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.*

John 21:17

**J**esus' command to Peter to feed His sheep is not surprising. Jesus referred to Himself as The Good Shepherd, Peter was the rock on which the church would be built, and the sheep were Christ's followers. Numerous verses in the New Testament refer to Jesus as a shepherd. Two of these are found in the book of I Peter. Peter obviously took to heart the symbolism of the command that Jesus gave to Him. There are even more verses in the Bible that reference people as sheep. It really is not surprising that Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep.

Sheep were a major source of both food and income in first-century Jewish Palestine. It is probable that most people of that era knew about sheep and at least something of the care they required, especially the Jewish population that was so closely linked to shepherding. In Ezekiel 25, God referred to the people of Israel as sheep that had been abandoned by greedy shepherds who cared nothing for the flock under their care. Psalm 23 eloquently describes the relationship between the sheep and shepherd. Even though he worked as a fisherman, Peter would have understood what was being requested of him.

So what does it entail to be a shepherd? How much to you know about sheep? This needs to be explored to fully understand what Jesus intended for Peter to do. Sheep have a reputation for being stupid. This is probably due the flock instinct of sheep. They do not react as individuals, instead they band together, acting as one unit. If one sheep in the flock runs, the others will also run. If one sheep begins to wander away in search of better grass, the flock will follow it. It has even been said that the flock instinct in sheep is so strong that if one walks off a cliff, the

others will follow. In some circumstances, this flock-bound instinct can be disastrous. It is up to the shepherd to keep the flock from placing itself at risk by wandering into dangerous areas.

Despite being very flock-bound, an individual sheep will occasionally wander away from their flock. One sheep may see a particularly green patch of grass and grazes toward it. Once headed in that direction, it will continue to travel further away from the flock in search of more food. As it wanders farther away, the rest of the flock often grazes in a different direction, increasing the distance between them. In seeking to sate its hunger, the wayward sheep puts itself in danger by becoming separated from the flock. A watchful shepherd will protect that individual by directing it back to the safety of the flock.

The only defense mechanism that sheep have is flight. Most animals have either teeth, claws, or brute strength to use in defense. Many of those animals will run if possible, but when cornered will fight. In the face of danger, sheep will attempt to run away. Even when cornered, they do not fight to defend themselves. They are totally at the mercy of prey animals with no strategy to protect themselves. It is only the shepherd that keeps predators from killing the sheep under his care.

Sheep have no upper teeth, only bottom teeth. Sheep develop a full mouth of teeth at around four years old. But very soon after growing that full mouth, the incisor teeth begin to spread apart and break. Without these teeth, it becomes difficult for a sheep to graze, requiring pasture that is tall enough to grab and chew with the remaining molars. Because sheep can graze very close to the ground (due to the formation of the top dental pad and the incisors), they will quickly overgraze a pasture. This makes it almost impossible for the older sheep to survive. The shepherd needs to move the sheep from pasture to pasture to provide consistent grazing.

Because sheep are prey animals, they are prone to panic in the face of danger. Remember that their only natural protection is to run from a perceived threat. It doesn't take much to set off the flight response in a flock of sheep. (I know this from personal experience.) A strange sound, the scent or sight of a predator, or even the appearance of an unknown person can throw a flock of sheep into panic. Once alarmed to this degree, sheep can and do hurt themselves in their attempt to escape. It is the responsibility of the shepherd to prevent this scenario

from happening by constantly guarding the sheep.

Sheep are relatively helpless without a shepherd to watch over them. They must be led to new pastures and still waters. Yes, sheep actually drink from still waters. They are not particularly good swimmers and are cumbersome due to the wet wool, so they do not enter water by choice. They avoid fast running water because of the danger it presents to them. This means that a shepherd must lead his sheep to a safe place to drink. Sheep must also be protected from predators and at times from themselves.

It is abundantly clear that sheep need their shepherd. That person is dedicated to caring for and loving the sheep. For examples of this love, read about bumper lambs. The sheep recognize their shepherd's voice and will run to him when called. They will follow him as he leads them to pasture or water. It is a relationship of trust and need on the part of the sheep and of love and care on the part of the shepherd.

Does all of this sound familiar? It should! We are just like sheep. In fact, we are the sheep that Peter was told to feed. Go back and read each of the preceding paragraphs, thinking about people as opposed to sheep. We do the same things that sheep do! We too are flock-bound. Despite knowing the risk, we will follow others into danger. We need Jesus to redirect our thoughts and actions. Like sheep, we are inclined to wander away from our Shepherd. This is especially true now with the social distancing we face. We have not been able to be with our "flock" for months, so we are susceptible to other shiny, glittering distractions. We need Jesus to keep us focused on Him. We also need Jesus to protect us from the snares and temptations of this world. Some of those glittery things just seem to call out to us. But if we turn to our Shepherd, He will lead us to better things: green pastures and still waters.

So, a shepherd's work was/is not easy, and the flock doesn't help much. However, there is an additional aspect of what Jesus called Peter to do. Shepherds occupied the lowest rung on the social hierarchy. This occupation was a menial vocation for the poorest members of society or for the youngest sons who would accept any kind of work. The Mishnah says that "no one should ever feel obligated to rescue a shepherd who has fallen into a pit." Additionally, shepherds were considered ceremonially unclean. They were outcasts during the time that Jesus lived. Yet Jesus referred to Himself

as the Good Shepherd, and He called Peter to do the work of a Shepherd.

Jesus recognized and willingly accepted that His role to His followers was much like that of a shepherd with a sometimes-obtuse flock of sheep. Without Him, we, His sheep, are lost! He called Peter to follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, to feed His sheep. Like Peter, we are also commanded to feed His sheep. Like Peter, we are also faced with the question that preceded that instruction: "*Do you love me?*" If we truly love Jesus, we will accept the difficult, sometimes exasperating and belittled, role of shepherd to His sheep.

Do you love Jesus? Are you feeding His sheep?

Edith Kennedy  
Mission Committee Chairperson



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Thanks to your generosity. There are 55 children who will receive gifts and hear the gospel message. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, you surpassed last years box total! The boxes were delivered to the drop-off area on November 18. They were prayed over with special pleas for the children who will receive them. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout the coming year.



## A Joyful Christmas

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

**D**ear Church Family,  
We are enjoying an amazing school year thus far. Everyone is healthy and thriving in our school environment. We've had good success with our fundraisers, and some donations as we look to pay for the Zono Sanitizing machine this year. We conducted Zoom Parent Teacher Conferences- was great to have one on one time with parents since they cannot come into the building. Our harvest hoedown was so much fun for the children- finding a pumpkin, riding a pony and enjoying the indoor rodeo! In some ways the school year is normal...but a glance around you see sneeze guards, face shields, and other protocols that remind you we are in different times.

For Christmas we are going to create an Imovie for each class of each group of 10 students singing Christmas songs and telling the Nativity story, in lieu of the traditional Christmas program. Boy, some things are very hard to give up...parents and teachers miss these types of events for our school community. We will also be making gifts for parents, and helping to support a few school families with needs during this special season.

Students in Kindergarten are actively in reading groups, creating their own class PE time, memorizing scripture (currently working on the Lord's Prayer), studying God's Word, and enjoying creative/stem experiences along the way. Our Pre K students are learning how to blend vowels and consonants, how to write every letter, and their name correctly, memorizing a weekly scripture, having a daily Bible story time, learning about numbers and the world around us. Our little 2's and 3's have adjusted beautifully... we are learning new things every day, and we love, love, love to play! The staff

is working harder than ever, to navigate all the cleaning, and the many multiple class sessions with just enough time in between to clean and reset. The preparation for projects, the lesson planning... doing school without a single assistant- it's daunting, but they are really fully invested and giving 100% every day! I am so proud of each of them! Our 'floaters' are very busy with all the ongoing arrivals and departures every 2 hours or so... temperature screening, hand washing etc. They are fogging the playground dozens of times a day with peroxide. They set up, maintain and change the water in our 3 portable sinks- strong women with 5-gallon containers constantly on the move. The parents of students have been marvelously cooperative- so very happy we are open, and that their child is learning, having fun, making friends and having something 'normal' in their lives...yes we are missing many aspects--but we are GRATEFUL for all we have been able to do.

We will be planning for next year in the coming months. We want to provide a flourishing school, by setting our minds on things above, not on things of the earth (Col 3:2), so that we may bring glory to God at our school! After all, it is eternity that we are looking toward- and it is our prayer for school families that we can minister to them, and guide them closer to Christ, especially during this holy season of Christmas. We don't know how things will look next year, only God knows...but we will press on with the best and safest plans we can! Please keep the school, the preschool council and staff in your prayers for good direction for planning for next year. Keep us in your prayers through the holiday season, that we can maintain a COVID-19-free environment throughout the winter. We are praying to that end as a staff for sure!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With Love and Gratitude,  
Mrs. Laurie Frasz  
Director, Haymarket Baptist Church Preschool &  
Kindergarten



## **2020 Season of Advent Activities**

Sunday, November 29 – Thursday, December 24

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**Hanging of the Greens Decorating the Chrismon Tree** and will take place Saturday, November 28.

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# December 2020



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## SECURITY OFFICERS FOR DECEMBER

We greatly appreciate these officers dedicating their time and effort towards the safety of our members and visitors.

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Dec. 27	Jeff Shaver

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