

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022



The congregation of Auburn Presbyterian Church is cordially invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Marcus Smith
Location: Middaugh Hall, 708 S. Union St., Auburn
Time: 2pm
Date: Sunday, March 6 2022



Brothers and Sisters—

For about the last two years I have led the practice of Scripture, reflection, and prayer. I do this on FaceBook and email it to those who don't mess around with FaceBook. Yes, this is a shameless plug to invite others to this practice, but there is a little more to it.

The Scripture we read today was a psalm. We read a portion of Psalm 71 and that Scripture is just stuck in my head and heart. Take a look! What caught my attention was the first three verses. God is called a refuge, a rock, and a fortress. The psalm describes a God who not only rescues and saves us, but a God who provides sanctuary and safety. That is an image of God that I find particularly meaningful lately.

Life can be hard. It challenges all of us in a variety of ways. And then there's the pandemic on top of everything else! So not only is life hard, it's exhausting, too. I know we all feel that way, caught up in the pandemic and dealing with life without some of the resources we relied upon. The way forward isn't clear so we can only make tentative decisions, take tentative steps. Even the simplest things become overwhelming. Maybe that's why Psalm 71 spoke to me today.

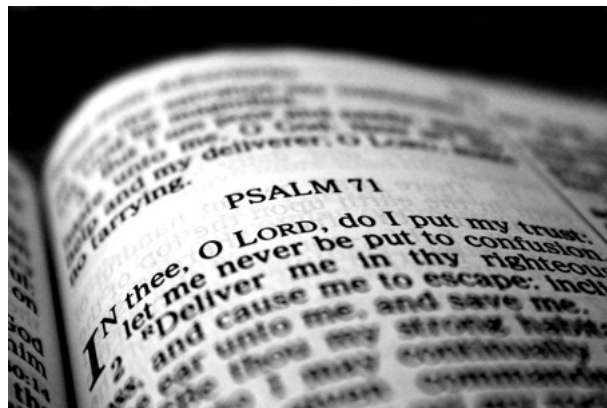
We all have a lot of skills and strengths. We fight back against those forces that try to dominate us. Most of the time we do a pretty good job holding our own in the battle that is life. Most of the time we manage to take care of business. But there are some times...

Sometimes all the garbage that gets piled up just seems like too much. People start getting on our last nerve and it's all we can do to keep a civil tongue in our head. If we're going to be honest, we've all had days or even weeks when we want to scream "Enough"! And it's those times that we turn to Psalm 71.

The psalmist knows. She knows life is hard and sometimes gets the best of us. We should always keep God's face before us, but it's especially in those hard times that we need to remember God is our rock. Our faith provides a safe harbor that assures us the storms of life won't swamp our boat. The psalmist is aware we all need a refuge, a place we can go where we're protected from the worst life can throw at us.

God is our rock and our redeemer, Our ever-present hope in times of trouble. When life seems too much, retreat to the sanctuary of prayer and peace in the safety of God.

Shalom, Pastor David





If you are interested in giving flowers for Sunday morning worship service the following dates are available:

FEBRUARY: 27
MARCH: 6, 20
APRIL: 10, 17, 24
MAY: 1, 29

OCTOBER: 9, 16
NOVEMBER: 6, 13, 27
DECEMBER 11, 18, 25

The total cost is \$30.00 for two vases of flowers and the forms are available at the back of the church to fill out and return to the church office. Or you may call the office and let the secretary know the date and who you would like to give them for.



PW WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY!

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, Feb 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge downstairs. The lesson will be number 7 led by Joey Aiken. Last month our speaker from the Helping Hands Foster Closet suggested items to be donated. Please bring any items you may have purchased for this to circle for our donation box. For more information call Judy Ditmars or Cheryl John.



Scout Sunday 2022

When: Sunday, February 6th @ 9:45am

Location: Auburn Presbyterian Church

Everyone is Welcome, bring your family and friends! You're encouraged to wear your Scout uniform. Scouts will be participating in Sunday Worship Service. And afterwards in the Fellowship Hall, enjoy a sample of Dutch Oven cooking and more!