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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today)

#### THE PROBLEM OF THE DAY

I'm sitting in a Special Education class. All the children have learning disabilities of one sort or another. An eighth grader brings me a "Curious George" book and I listen as he stumbles through a couple of pages. A Down Syndrome child smiles, shyly inviting me to help him with a learning puzzle.

The PROBLEM OF THE DAY is on the board. It simply says, "SOLVE. WHAT IS 25% of 448?" The students now pore over their calculators thinking hard. "What is 25% of.....????" They lean hopefully over their notebooks writing their answers. To them THIS IS SO DIFFICULT.

If only THIS problem of the day were MY problem of the day, because I know the answer to THIS one. I smile because it is SO easy. Without a calculator or pencil and paper I can tell you the answer.

The lead teacher makes an announcement. "I'm going to get a drink. WHEN I COME BACK, THE PROBLEM OF THE DAY IS OVER." She quickly leaves the room.

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I think about MY problem of the day. I don't know the answer. To me it is very difficult. I imagine God smiling because to Him it is SO easy. He already knows the answer. Then I remember that He said He's coming back. And WHEN HE GETS BACK, MY PROBLEM OF THE DAY IS OVER!!

-Dorothy Bowen Klass 12-4-19 FB Used by permission

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.



Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. Isaiah 40:4 Pilgrim Holiness Church, Rt. 145, Middleburgh, New York Richard W. Owens, Pastor Telephone 518-827-5241 www.nyphc.org www.facebook.com/nyphc December 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As a shepherd leads his flock, the Lord has led us here. God has tender words for us. Welcome into his loving presence on this second Sunday of Advent.

## **Call to Worship**

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,

## Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

## Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

—II Peter 3:9-14; Revelation 22:20

#### Announcements

- **December 13** Conference-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting. The church will be open at noon for special prayer
- December 13 7:00 p.m. The Cassady Family Christmas Concert at the Schenectady PHC.
- December 18 Caroling. Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- December 20 Night of Prayer. Our assignment is 10:00 11:00 p.m.
- December 22 7:00 p.m. Choral Christmas Service
- December 25 CHRISTMAS 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- The Christmas card mail sorter is up for "special delivery". We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.
- Anyone who is interested in helping decorate the church with **poinsettias** for this special season is welcome to do so either by purchasing and bringing them in, or contributing to their purchase price. Make sure to tell Merylin Ellis or Mrs. Owens if you are donating them in honor or remembrance of someone special.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, & comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—BCP

# **Prayer Requests**

- This week we are praying specifically for our sister church in Lisbon, OH.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Bernie A., Pam, Ron, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
  - Christians in danger all over the world.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries**: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - Our young people schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Regina Ford, Randy Staggs, Terry M., Anita P., Joanna Howell, Paulette Fay, Sharon Major, Pat and Marie Rooney, Charles and Thelma Heckman, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- From Early Woodland:
  - Mary Lou, Cecelia, Margaret, Hazel, Dan, Lindsay, Joyce, Jim, Todd, Renee.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

		Suggested Daily	Scripture Reading	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Hosea 10:1-14:9 Jude 1:1-25 Psalm 127:1-5 / Proverbs 29:15-1 <i>Thursday</i>	Joel 1:1-3:21 Revelation 1:1-20 Psalm 128:1-6 7 Proverbs 29:18 <i>Friday</i>	Amos 1:1-3:15 Revelation 2:1-17 Psalm 129:1-8 Proverbs 29:19-20 Saturday	Amos 4:1-6:14 Revelation 2:18-3:6 Psalm 130:1-8 Proverbs 29:21-22 <i>Sunday</i>
Revelation 3:7-22 Psalm 131:1-3		Obadiah 1:1-21 Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 132:1-18 Proverbs 29:24-25	Jonah 1:1-4-11 Revelation 5:1-14 Psalm 133:1-3 Proverbs 29:26-27	Micah 1:1-4:13 Revelation 6:1-17 Psalm 134:1-3 Proverbs 30:1-4

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Other announcements & prayer requests