



LIFT UP THE WORLD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

**11:45 am Gathering
at City Hall
Flagpole in Tukwila**



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Hello FTFC,

In Jeremiah 50-51, the Lord is putting the final touches on a delicate argument. The book of Jeremiah discusses the fall of Judah. It covers that moment when the people of God transition from having a nation-state to, everywhere, being under occupation. And the Lord is clear within Jeremiah and the other prophets, that the exile that Israel and Judah will be enter is due to their own misdeeds and sin. In witnessing Babylon take over their territory and exile the people, they are facing the consequences of their sin.

But, as Israel is facing their sin, you can feel the questions begin to bubble up. Are they truly worse than their neighbors? Babylon is being used as the tool for Israel's exile, yet Babylon is known for horrific sins itself. So, what does this mean for God's justice?

The Lord proceeds to make clear that the judgment is coming not just upon Judah, but upon the surrounding nations as well. And Babylon especially, will be judged according to Babylon's own standard of judgement. Where she has been harsh, harshness will follow; where she has been ruthless, ruthlessness will follow her.

When we eventually get to Revelation 18, we read, again, about the fall of Babylon. Which is... odd. Because Babylon hasn't really been a major player on the world stage for the whole New Testament. And yet, as you read, you see that the Lord's judgement upon Babylon is the judgement of a nation that is arrogant and proud, a nation that has committed itself to holding up idols, including idolizing itself. Babylon trusted in its wealth and international relations, and it slaughtered God's people. As John is recording the word of the Lord in Revelation, the Babylon he is speaking of, likely isn't Babylon at all. Rather, it is Rome. So, why doesn't God just say that?

Because, the passages in both Jeremiah and Revelation are invitations for the reader to trust in God's own faithfulness. It is as though God is building up a resume of his interactions with his people. Once, you were in conflict with an overwhelming power that was arrogant, cruel, and devoted to Self-idolatry in Egypt. And the Lord rescued you and brought Egypt down. And in Babylon, you were in

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INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
<u>For March 2024</u>	<u>For March 2024</u>	<u>For March 2024</u>
\$12,254.65	\$16,953.12	-\$4,699.12
<u>Thru March 2024</u>	<u>Thru March 2024</u>	<u>Thru March 2024</u>
\$38,256.72	\$46,006.00	-\$7,749.28

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN TUKWILA: THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. This observance exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, and specifically, to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America’s leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of national observance, based on our recognition of the many prayers lifted up to the Lord as the United States was born and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

The National Day of Prayer stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. We, and indeed every nation that has believers in Jesus, are called to pray for where God has placed us. We are called to “seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:7)

Our 2024 National Day of Prayer theme, “**Lift up the Word; Light up the World**” is based upon 2 Samuel 22:29-31. As we prepare for the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd, we rejoice in the knowledge that there will be millions of prayers prayed from tens of thousands of gatherings across America and around the world. We must pray fervent, faithful, nation-changing, history-writing prayers that turn America’s hearts from evil agendas that bring about death and draw all people into the arms of a loving God who is our only true hope, help, love, and Lord.

National Day of Prayer Task Force

2024 National Prayer for America

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive Your saints for fearing and focusing on the

darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World! In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

The National Day of Prayer will be observed in Tukwila on Thursday, May 2 where we will gather at 11:45 am in front of Tukwila City Hall. Mayor Thomas McLeod will be issuing a Mayoral Proclamation promptly at noon. Prayer will follow.

Questions?

Contact Jenny or visit nationaldayofprayer.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2024 Foster-Tukwila Presbyterian Church						
10:30 am: Worship/ Communion Junior Church 12:30: Discipleship Class	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Mothers' Day</i> 12 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church <i>Baby Bottle Drive Begins</i> 12:30: Discipleship Class	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 19 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church POTLUCK	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am: Worship Junior Church 12:30: Discipleship Class	26	27	28	29	30	31
	MEMORIAL DAY	6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Group	7:00 pm: Worship IT	10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Studies	10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Studies	9 am to 5 pm: Elders' and Deacons' Retreat
		6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Group	1:30-3:30 pm: Virtual Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: Session	10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Studies	10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Studies	1:00 pm: Youth Ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts
			6:00 pm: CE IT	10:00 am: Prayer NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 11:45 am @ Tukwila City Hall 7:00 pm: Young Adults' Bible Study		

June 2024 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1:00 pm: Youth Ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts
2 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church	3 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	4 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth 6:30: YA Bible Study	5 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila	6 10:00 am: Prayer	7	8
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30 10:30 am: Worship Junior Church						



1st Wednesday, alternate months:

• CE IT, 6:00 pm

Last Wednesday:

• Worship IT, 7:00 pm

Missions IT:

TBA

Thursdays!

7:0 pm, 1st & 3rd:
Young Adults



7:00 pm, 2nd & 4th:
Women's Study

7:00 pm, 2nd & 4th: Men's Bible
Study

Worship
in the
Park

Mark your calendar

Sundays in July

Morning Prayer
Thursdays
10 am

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders:
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Deacons: TBA

GOOD NEWS CLUB

1st Saturday, 1-2:30 pm
@ Ridge Cliff Apts

Thursdays, 5 pm @FTPC

Women's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays,
1:30-3:30 pm
Via Zoom.

PrayTukwila
Wednesday
1 pm - June 5, 2024
Southcenter
Community Baptist

Junior Church

Participants dismissed before
Proclaiming the Lord's Work

Spare Change Changes Lives.

Join Our Spring Baby Bottle Campaign!

May 12 - June 16, 2024

JUNE MISSIONS: PRESBYTERIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International was founded in 1966 as the **Presbyterian Charismatic Communion**. PRMI has been committed to working, often as a prophetic voice, within the Presbyterian and Reformed denominations.

Representatives have been present at PC(USA) General Assemblies, usually with a booth of literature, and since 1974 have sponsored a charismatic worship service. Prayer vigils were held from 1991–2002 at these Assemblies; most of them were led by Rev. Douglas and Carla McMurry.

Representatives have been present at the Reformed Church in America's General Synod and at each of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's General Assemblies since its formation 26 years ago. In the past ten years the ministry has worked with pastors and laity of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom.

We also have growing partnership with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, plus frequent connections of with Reformed Church of America, Christian Reformed Churches, Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians, and various different denominations in the Reformed stream of the body of Christ.

THE DUNAMIS PROJECT is the central training of PRMI to help you cooperate with the Holy Spirit in whatever ministry you may have, in whatever part of the world you may live. Thousands of Christians around the world have experienced a dynamic change in their ministry as they have learned how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

IGNITE provides opportunity for a congregation to catch the Holy Spirit's flame and grow in faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Ignite events are condensed workshops, typically conducted on Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Ignite utilizes teaching material from the Dunamis Project.

At a **WITH THE WIND** conference, young adults learn what it looks like to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in their day-to-day lives? This is the question that they will be engaging each summer. It is a time of fellowship, Spirit-filled worship, teaching, and meeting God.

GROWING THE CHURCH teaches about the 7 dynamics of cooperation with the Holy Spirit so that you and your congregation can enter the grow with Christ and the Holy Spirit, through which Christ grows His Church.



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The retreat, intended for pastors accompanied by others in their church leadership, gives participants tools so that when they return to their congregations they can implement what they have learned.

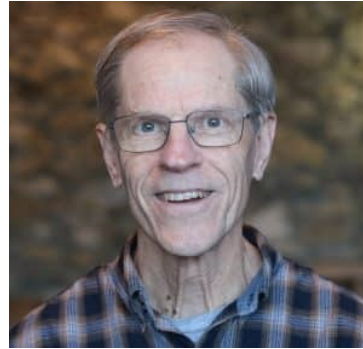
The **ADVANCED COURSE ON HEALING AND DELIVERANCE** gives an opportunity for participants to do healing and deliverance ministry under the direction of the Holy Spirit. You might even experience some healing in your own life, while learning how to share the same in the lives of others.

EXOUSIA is the training program where PRMI raises up new teachers, new leaders, and new intercessors for the work of expanding the reach of PRMI. Exousia is where we equip our faculty, apprentice teachers, track directors and site team members. It is where you will get our DNA.

PRMI equips and mobilizes intercessors. Prayer undergirds everything PRMI is about. Prayer is our first priority because it is the key to our vital life in Jesus Christ and cooperating with the Holy Spirit. Over the years, the Holy

Spirit has led us into many different program expressions to encourage the work of prayer.

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP NORTHWEST US:



This local expression of PRMI ministers primarily through offering Dunamis courses. **Rev. Nick Krantz** is the director. Rev. Dr. James Kearny, Ministry Associate for Promotion and Delivery of PRMI Mission Outreach helps PRMI develop and

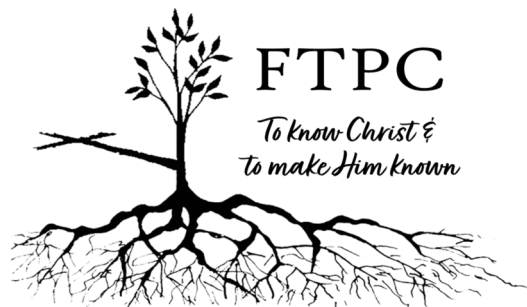
establish the ministry of Dunamis in local congregations, beginning in the North West. He has developed a number of online resources which are on his YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@jameskearny4319.

To find a calendar of equipping events, take a video course, make a donation, or find our more info on this ministry, visit <https://www.primi.org/>.

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conflict with an overwhelming power that was arrogant, cruel, and devoted to self-idolatry. And the Lord rescued you and brought Babylon down. And we can write the exact same words for other empires like Rome, and at the end, the forces of darkness in the world. By the time we get to Revelation, Babylon is no longer talking about a specific place, or a specific nation. Instead, it is the Kingdom of Darkness. Babylon “stands for the pride of mankind and for the heathen city-empire. For John, Babylon is the great city, the symbol of mankind in community opposed to the things of God”.

And it is into this cycle, that God issues Revelation 18. It is as though God says “I saved you from Babylon in Egypt, and Babylon in Babylon, Babylon in Persia, Babylon in Rome, and Babylon at the end. Dear child, why do you fear Babylon?” In every case, it looks like evil is winning, and in every case, the Lord rescues his people and brings the wicked down.



In 2024, most of us have smartphones, magical devices that let us access what is happening in the world in real time. We are more privy to the evils of this world than any population of humanity before. It takes 3 seconds of curiosity to discover atrocities that occur both in far off nations and in our own backyard. Often, for us, the struggle is not that Babylon is persecuting us, but rather that we watch as Babylon

seems to be advancing. We watch as hate speech fills streets, as children are kidnapped, and as wars rage. We hear whispers, or sometimes shouts, of people who are facing direct and profound persecution for their faith.

In the face of these things, pray. Turn to the almighty God who is able to do infinitely more than you ask or can imagine. But, also, trust in the faithfulness of the Lord. For, the Testament of his Word, and the testament of our lives, is that God is faithful.

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*"For it is You who light my lamp;
the Lord my God lightens my darkness"*



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JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT AT TUKWILA CITY HALL

**WE WILL GATHER AT THE FLAGPOLE AT
11:45 AM, THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024.**

PRAYER BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON. DETAILS INSIDE.