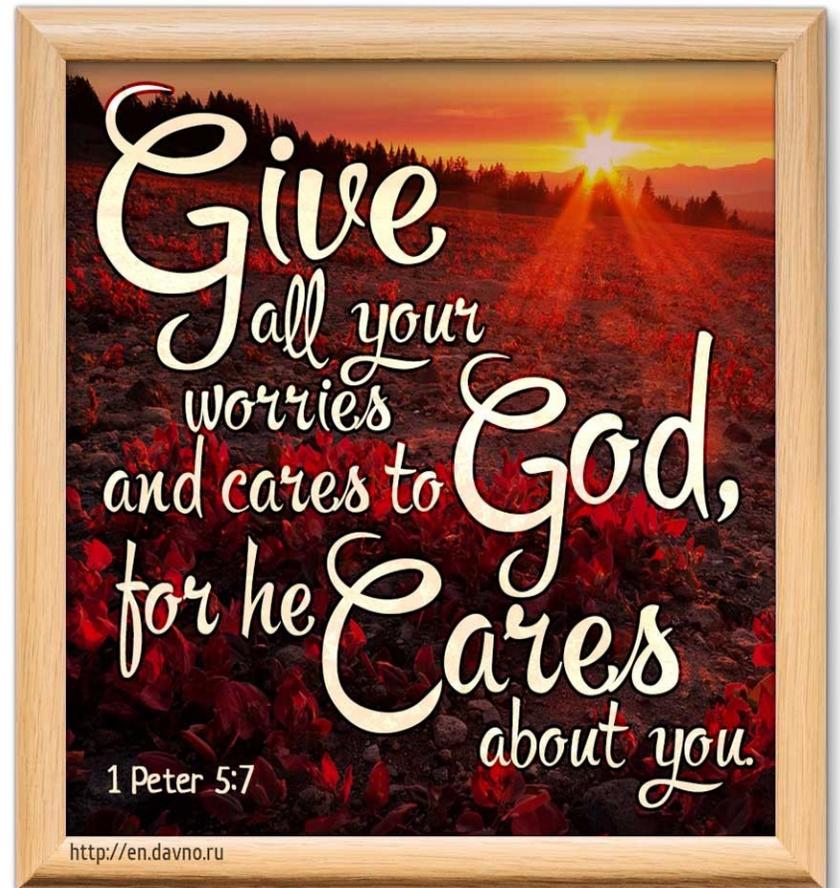




July 11, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Humility~The Defining Mark of a  
True Christian



# Order of Service

## Announcements

### Welcome

### Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

### Call to Worship

### Hymn of Adoration

"Praise to the Lord The Almighty". . .Wentworth/Nockels/Neander

### Prayer of Invocation

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Song of Praise

"Living Hope". . . . . Johnson/Wickham

### Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

**The Law of God: Deuteronomy 10:16-18, The Message**

### Public Confession

### Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Romans 6:5-7**

**Song of Renewal:** "O Great God". . . . . Bob Kauflin

-----God's Grace-----

**Scripture Reading: I Peter 5:5-7**

### Prayer

### The Sermon

*"Humility – The Defining Mark of a True Christian"*

### Words of Institution

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### Hymn

"I Surrender". . . . . Matt Crocker

### Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

### Parting Hymn

"I Cast All My Cares". . . . . Kelly Willard

### Benediction

## **God's Gracious Provision 7/4/2021**

**Attendance:** 48

**Offering:** \$2428.00

*Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.*

## I Asked the Lord

I Asked the Lord I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace,

Might more of His salvation know and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,

and He I trust has answered prayer;

But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request,

And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart,

And let the angry powers of hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe;

Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low.

"Lord why is this", I trembling cried,

"Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"

"'Tis in this way,"

The Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free,

And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou mayest seek thy all in Me,

That thou mayest seek thy all in Me."

——Words by John Newton

*According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. . . . it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began. —C.S. Lewis in "Mere Christianity"*

## Why Does Humility Create Anxiety?

Being put down or unnoticed and unappreciated is painful. Losing face is painful. Being made little of is painful and the command to be humble under God and to be clothed with humility toward each other makes us anxious.

## Solving the Anxiety Problem

The secret of humility is being able to cast your anxiety on God. The humility Peter commands under God's hand is the peaceful, confident humility that comes because we have cast our anxiety on God with the confidence that he cares for us. When it says that he cares, it means he will not stand by and let things develop without his influence. It means he will act. He will work. Not always the way we would. He's God. He sees a thousand connections we don't see.<sup>1</sup>

Philippians 4:6 says, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*"

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>Piper, J. (2007). *Sermons from John Piper (1990–1999)*. Minneapolis, MN: Desiring God.

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, July 13 6:00 –8:00 P.M. Youth(Grades 6-12) and Young Adults**(under 30) meet at the Deicherts for supper, Bible Study(groups separated), Volleyball, and ice cream.

**Saturday, July 17 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast** at the home of Pastor Rick

**Sunday, July 18 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults**  
1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

**Monday, July 19-24 Youth Group** goes to **Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Senior High Youth Week.**

**Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.**

## David and Mindy Nelson

- Praise that they are equipping more leaders through the DOUBLE IT campaign. These leaders are trained to become healthier in their own walk with Jesus, become better-equipped leaders with God's Word and become multipliers of disciples.
- Pray for recent CCI training graduates planning to go to China.
- Pray for a new women-only class which will start in 2022 at Streams Community Church in New Zealand with Helen Lee and the two recent women graduates facilitating the training and discipleship.



## Tim and Holly Howden

- Praise that God has provided full support for Tim and Holly.
- Pray for the opportunities that Tim and Holly will have this summer to work with interns that are coming into the media department.
- Pray that students will attend the Bible Studies that are happening on the campuses where Disciple Makers are present.
- Pray for Disciple Makers staff as they prepare to minister on campuses where classes are returning to normal in the fall.

## Prayer/Praise. . . . . July 11, 2021

- Pray for Sara’s testing on July 26<sup>th</sup> followed by valve repair on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for Koreen Mace’s friend, Bev, as she has a growth on her liver. Prayers for wisdom for the doctor and that she would come to know Christ.
- Pray for Koreen Mace’s dad, who has challenges with blindness and daily life. Pray for continued strength for Gwen, who is taking care of their dad.
- Pray for Jim Tobin, the husband of Donna Jenkins’ cousin, Terri. Jim has Lou Gehrig’s disease. Pray for Terri as she cares for Jim and their grandchildren.
- Pray for Margaret Henz, friend of Donna Jenkins, who is in a hospice center in Virginia. Pray for her daughter Eva as she goes through this time with her mother.
- Pray for Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski’s niece. He is having a series of surgeries for severe burns over most of his body. Pray for his healing and for his family as they walk with him through this time.
- Pray for Dave Conway, husband of Steve Simon’s cousin, Trish. Dave had cancer testing. Pray for God’s healing and strength for Dave.
- Pray for Christopher, son of Susan and Glen Williams. Pray that he is freed from his addiction and that most importantly, he finds that Jesus is his only hope.
- Pray for Deana Deichert’s father. He has a tumor in his spinal column. He starts 2 weeks of radiation on Monday. Pray that the radiation will shrink the tumors (in his spine, jaw, and ribs) so that he can have less pain and less chance for spinal cord compression. His address is: Frank Pearn 1324 Culver St Catasauqua, PA 18032.
- Pray that a position will open for Jeremiah Mace to be employed at Teen Challenge. Pray for healing for Koreen’s family.
- Pray for Rhonda Clark’s father, Donald Mace, who had his last treatment on Thursday, July 1, 2021 and next will have a CT scan.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak, friend of Barb Knarr. He is scheduled for another bladder surgery on July 15th.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame’s friend, Denise, who is continuing her chemotherapy treatment and is doing well. Pray for healing and salvation.
- Pray for Baby Evan, who is the son of Donna Jenkins’ niece, Tracy. Pray for continued healing for Evan and God’s peace for Tracy and her family.
- Praise that Donna Plowfield’s son, David, found employment at Shannon Dell in Oaks.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.

## Message

### Humility – The Defining Mark of a True Christian

*1 Peter 5:5–7 (ESV)*

*Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”<sup>6</sup> “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

### Humility Is Essential to the Christian Life

Three times the command comes in one form or another.

1. Verse 5a: “Younger men, be subject [i.e., be humble toward] to your elders.”
2. Verse 5b: “All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.”
3. Verse 6: “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God.”

### Humility in All Church Relationships

By definition, a church is a gathering of the humble. Disciples are confident of their worth, since we know that God created us in his image and valued us enough to send his Son for us. Yet every believer is aware of his sin and need. Every disciple has repented, and when we repent, we both confess particular sins and admit that we are selfish and rebellious to the bone. Knowing that we are incapable of self-reform, we trust in Christ.

### How Do Humility and Not Being Anxious Relate?

“Humble yourselves . . . casting your anxieties on him.” Casting your anxieties on God is an expression of humility.

Humility is the risk of not being noticed, not being appreciated, not being praised, and not being rewarded. Lowliness runs the obvious risk of being looked down on.