

September 4, 2022

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 Sunday School | 9:00 A.M. Worship | 10:15 A.M.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Check out our Welcome Counter for info on the nursery and kids' options during the service. E-GIVING - northparkepc.org/give WIFI AVAILABLE - Our NPC Guest password is Welcome!

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 145:8-9

MUSICAL PRAISE

To God Be the Glory | What a Good God | Good and Gracious King

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING | James 1:2-8; 12

OFFERING | ANNOUNCEMENTS | MEMORY VERSE

No Kids' Worship

SONG | By Faith

GREETING

WOE-IS-ME.MP3 | I Kings 19

PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF RESPONSE | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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WOE-IS-ME.MP3 BEN BURKHOLDER | I KINGS 19:1-18

I KINGS 19:1-18 NIV

¹Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.' Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." ³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

⁹There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹⁵The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

OUTLINE

- 1. Background
 - a. The Rise of _____ Worship
 - b. Elijah's Victory on _____
 - c. _____ Threat
- 2. Elijah Despairs unto _____ in the _____
 - a. Elijah's _____

God Comes to Elijah in a _____

- 4. God's _____
 - a. Hazael—_____
 - b. Jehu—____
 - c. Elisha—_____

Reflection Questions

1. What are your .mp3's? What narratives or talking points do you replay in your mind about yourself and the world in which you live?

2. Ask God: What parts of these are true? What parts of these are false?

3. What is God's call to you in the midst of the situations you face right now?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPORTING CLAYS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN New and experienced shooters 11 years old and older are welcome to join us for the annual sporting clays. Lunch, shells, and clays will be covered. The cost is \$15. Email Pastor Ben (*benburkholder@ northparkepc.org*) to sign up.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 23-25 | PITTSBURGH MARRIOTT NORTH Mark (*marksharpnack@northparkepc.org*) or Rachel Sharpnack would love to speak with you about this opportunity to invest in your marriage. Half-price registrations are available from August 29 to September 19. Seats will fill up fast since there is only one conference this year in Pittsburgh. Information is available on our website (*northparkepc.org/events*) or at a table in the lobby. Your spouse is worth it!

COLLEGE + CAREERS

NOT MEETING TODAY We'll begin meeting again Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 9:00 A.M. Christian Faith and the Hot Issues of the Day | Pastor Dan | Rm. 112 The Trinity in Scripture and Theology | Pastor Ben | Rm. 305/307 College and Careers (Daniel) | Gary Laird | Rm. 110

FRISBEE 'N FIRE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. | NPC

Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and s'mores by the campfire. For those competitive souls, enjoy a game of ultimate frisbee as well. Sign up either in the lobby or by email (*benburkholder@northparkepc.org*). Also, bring something to contribute according to last name. A-G (appetizers), H-O (salads), P-Z (sides).

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 11

If you would like a package sent to your college student, please complete a registration form in the lobby or contact Laura Osmond (*osmond.laura@gmail.com*). Please sign up in the lobby if you can bake cookies or donate items.

TREKKERS MEALS WANTED

Only 3 more meals are needed to cover Trekkers for the year! Please sign up if you can supply a meal. See the link to the DOC in the Thursday Epistle if you can provide one of these meals. Questions? Contact Kelly Laird (*kellylaird@northparkepc.org*).