

North Shore Fellowship
New Year's Eve Prayer Service
December 31, 2020

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

Responsive Reading from Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Prayer

- Our mission as a church
- Missionaries (including local, national, & global partners)
- Sister churches and church plants
(Woodlands Gathering, Grace & Peace Ooltewah, Restoration Southside, Mosaic Fellowship)
- Romans preaching series
- Creative learning opportunities as a church this spring
- Salvation for families, friends, neighbors
- Our denomination—keep us humble and "on mission"

Responsive Reading from Psalm 93

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength;

the world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the Lord on high is mighty.

Your statutes stand firm;

holiness adorns your house for endless days, O Lord.

*Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Prayer

- Gratitude for God's provision of our needs in 2020, humble reliance on him in 2021
- Forgiveness for shortcomings and sins, distracted from God's mission and greatness
- Loving our enemies and forgiving those who have wronged us
- Church staff to flourish and thrive, staffing needs to be filled; thanks for Elizabeth, Kami, and Preston who are moving to new opportunities
- Search committee and new pastor

- Loneliness of our members during this season
- Those dealing with addictions
- Gratitude for many births this past year, wisdom and mercy for new parents
- Fellowship groups, women's ministry, men's groups, and other efforts to build community
- We acknowledge we have an Enemy and many temptations, and we ask for help knowing "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood"
- For the most vulnerable in our community—unemployed and underemployed especially hard hit by the recession
- For national leaders in a season of transition, for wise stewardship of vaccines, for wisdom for elected leaders as they wrestle with appropriate responses to coronavirus
- For Ramona Wagner on the death of her husband, Rich
- For Sylvia McMillin's upcoming surgery and for comfort during her hospital stay
- For Joanna Gallagher's father and Tara Sehon's father, both of whom have been hospitalized, to recover fully from Covid-19

Responsive Reading from Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he answers him from his heavenly heaven with the saving power of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

O Lord, save the king! Answer us when we call!