

DENBIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Living as God's Family Under the Cross: Loving, Serving, Praising, and Proclaiming

Order of Worship

Welcome to Denbigh
(Tuck)

Waymaker
Forever

Opening Prayer
(Francine Tatum)

Reading: 2 Kings 6:11-17
(Jenny Torres)

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Ten Thousand Reasons

The Lord's Supper
(Stephen Newsome)

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Giving and Announcements
(Children/Teens Dismissed to Sunday School)

When We All Get To Heaven

Sermon: *Power in Weakness (7):
More Beyond*
(2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

This World Is Not My Home

One More Thing
(Tuck)

Closing Prayer
(Fred White)

Soundboard: Kati Rutherford
Streaming Service: Shandra Smith
Worship Leader: Perry Smith
Greeters: Mark and Renee West

*If you are visiting today, please take a moment
to fill out one of our guest cards and place it in
the collection basket that will be passed later.*

Watch!

(Daily Reading for Today: Mark 13:1-3)

In our reading today, Jesus and his disciples leave the Temple complex, one of the disciples makes note of its magnificent architecture. Jesus replies in a way that must have shocked the disciples, *"Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down"* (Mark 13:2). The disciples assumed that Jesus had come to reign over Jerusalem as its earthly king, a view they would not give up until after the resurrection (see Acts 1:6). The idea that the Jewish temple would be torn down was not on their bingo card, and they ask Jesus to explain, *"Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"* (Mark 13:4). They ask two questions about the Temple's demise— When will it happen? What signs will let us know? All that follows answers those two questions.

It's important to keep all that in mind as you read through Mark. He is answering their question about the destruction of the Temple and by extension, the fall of Jerusalem. That took place in 70 AD when Vespasian responded to a Jewish revolt by surrounding Jerusalem. After a short siege, Vespasian pulled back to return to Rome to become its new emperor; he turned the siege over to his son Titus (who would also follow him as emperor). Titus sacked Jerusalem and completely destroyed its Temple. The signs Jesus gives in this chapter all point to this event. Of course, the language here is often lifted out of its context and made to apply to the end of the world. Connect this to parts of the Book of Revelation, and throw in a smattering from Daniel and Ezekiel, and you have a whole system for understanding the end of the world. But Jesus wasn't asked about the end of the world; he was asked about the fall of the Temple.

Some of the language here is puzzling. Did the sun and moon darken and the stars not give light when the Temple was destroyed? (See *Isaiah 13:10*). What about the Son of Man coming in the clouds? This chapter often raises more questions than it answers. One thing does seem clear. Jesus brings us the end of the world by saying, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away"* (Mark 13:31). The very next thing he says is that no one knows when heaven and earth will pass away; there will be no signs warning us about that (Mark 13:32). The only way we can be ready for the end of the world is to be ready for it today, *"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come...What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"* (Mark 13:33,37). Don't get all wrapped around the axle worrying about soothsayers of the second coming predicting the end of time. The way we can be ready for Christ's return is to be ready for it everyday. We must always watch.

Prayer List

Jackie Costen will have back surgery Thursday at Riverside (Pavilion). She doesn't know how long she will be in the hospital.

Pray for Tony Briggs who will also undergo back surgery later this month.

Bob and Lynn Bean are traveling to Texas to see grandkids the next couple of weeks.

Makayla Stokes' continues to anticipate her second hip replacement surgery coming up.

Carol Edlow spent some time in hospital this week with recurrent vertigo episodes.

Pat Glaspell has begun a new chemo treatment and is tolerating it well so far.

Tuck's sister Sonya Colvert has a mass on her pancreas and some other related issues. She is waiting the results of tests done this week..

Carol Swink's daughter-in-law Angie is home now but continues to have breathing issues.

Praise the Lord! Annette's husband Carl is home and doing well.

Kim Respass has some medical tests soon to help diagnose issues in her arm and neck.

Pray for David Smith's brother and sister-in-law who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Pray for Dennis Ayling's father who is receiving chemo to fight cancer.

Traci Best's brother Darrin Hamm recently learned that he has a mass on his kidney.

Francine Tatum will soon have a second EEG test. Keep her in prayer.

Brenda Richard's friend's child, Caine while in surgery showed signs of a heart problem.

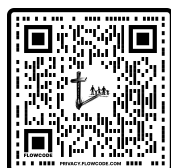
Shirley Cooper continues treatment (leg pain).

Continue to pray for Whitney Jones' full recovery as she continues chemo treatments.

Pray for Gay Fields, Shirley's sister-in-law and Darlene Cooper are being treated for cancer.

Continue to pray for God's protection over our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Help us keep this prayer list current by sharing with us any updates or additions. Members can use the QR code at right to give online at our member portal.



Special Easter Sunday Events...

Please keep in mind our special events taking place on Easter Sunday, March 31. We will begin with our annual Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. (as in the morning) at Yorktown Beach. Please make your plans now to wake up early and join us for this special reminder that death doesn't have the final word.

Our regular morning worship at 10:30 a.m. will also be special as Mike Lucas will be our speaker. Tuck and Lynn will be in Nashville over the week visiting with Tuck's mom.

There will also be an Easter egg hunt on our front lawn for children fifth grade and under immediately following our services.

Important: Please start bringing in your candy-filled plastic Easter Eggs and place them in the specially marked container in our foyer. We need to have plenty of eggs for the children to harvest.

Men's Small Group Bible Study...

Our next men's small group study will be tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. We will continue our look at "Family Matters," Paul's practical application of what it means to live together as a community of faith. Tomorrow night we'll look at his call to work so that we can share with others in need (Eph. 4:28).

Warm Up Question: *Share a time when you broke down on the road or stopped to help someone who was broken down. Which was scarier?*

Men's Breakfast and Work Day...

We will have a special men's breakfast and workday next Saturday, March 17. Join us at 8:00 a.m. for a great breakfast provided by Tony Bomar and then stay as we roll up our sleeves and get some yard work done? Have you seen our playground lately? Of course you haven't; it is completely hidden by the overgrown hedge that desperately needs trimming back. So we'll tackle that overdue task as well as some needed cleanup up in the church yard. So bring your work gloves, whatever tools you have and set aside three hours or so next Saturday morning for breakfast and yard work.

Daily Bible Reading...

Today marks Day 70 of our reading journey through the New Testament together in 2024. We hope you are taking this journey with us. If not, begin with day 71 and follow along with us. If you haven't joined our reading group (*almost 50 of us have*) in the Bible app (in IOS or Androids), see David Smith and he'll get you started. The bulletin article each week is driven by that day's reading. For those still not apt to use apps, here are this week's readings:

- Today: Mark 13:1-13
- Mon: March 11: Mark 13:14-37
- Tue: March 12: Mark 14:1-25
- Wed: March 13: Mark 14:26-50
- Thur: March 14: Mark 14:51-72
- Fri: March 15: Mark 15:1-20
- Sat: March 16: Mark 15:21-47
- Sun: March 17: Mark 16