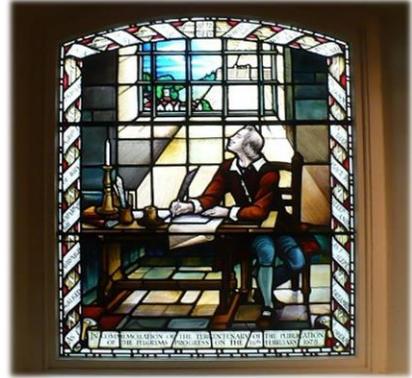


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Good afternoon, Everybody.

Just about an hour ago I finished with the morning's sermon preparation and felt the desire to send a pastoral letter. Mainly for the sake of encouraging us with the thought that just two days from now we'll worship together on the Lord's Day.



No matter the angst or confusion of this past week, the atmosphere of our Lord's Day services will be calm. We will be at peace with God and with one another. Our worship will be entirely, scripturally governed. It will be therefore other-worldly. Christ-centered. And we will have the confidence that every element of it is not only acceptable to the Lord, but truly **delightful** to Him. And if we individually are worshipping *in Spirit*, it will satisfy our souls (smile).

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul (Psalm 23:2-3a).*

The morning message will continue the series, *Our Savior's Cross*, and the evening message will pick back up our sequence in the Psalms, with Psalm 19. Both emphases are exactly what we need right now. You'll see (smile).

Meantime, I want to encourage everyone to use Psalm 4 just as we learned to do on Wednesday night. Use it as your **reply** to the current situation; in prayer to God (v 1), in your mind when you think about the Lord's enemies (vv 2-3), in conversation with brothers and sisters who are angry or fearful or confused (vv. 4-5), and again in prayer when you consider voices who doubt that the future holds any good for Christians (vv 6-8). **Reply** according to the words and truths of Psalm 4. There are, of course, hundreds of other replies in scripture as well, but Psalm 4 is the one which the Lord gave to us this week. Use it!

I'm looking forward, so much, to the Lord's Day. Let's all be in our appointed places of attendance and ministry, worshipping *in Spirit*, and humbly awaiting the presence and voice of our God. *Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.*

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick