

# THE STORY

CHAPTER 17: THE KINGDOMS' FALL

## Hope in the Midst of Hardship



**Worship Service**

**10:15am**

**January 17, 2016**

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole is a church where every member is a minister, passing on the faith, as we...

**Gather** to love God and others;

**Grow** to know and follow Jesus; and

**Go** to make a difference in the world.

### **Thoughts for the Day**

*"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

~Lamentations 3:21-23

*"Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all. As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength."*

~G.K. Chesterton

*"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."*

~C.S. Lewis

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

~Romans 15:13

## **WE GATHER IN GRATEFUL WORSHIP**

### **Song of Gathering**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

*Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness!*

**People: Enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy!**

*Leader: O God, the angels of heaven proclaim your glory without ceasing!*

**People: Help us as we serve you in your house!**

**All: That in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we may sing to you with our whole heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Songs of Praise**

*Come, People of the Risen King*

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession\***

Amy Dahmen

Almighty God, throughout our history with you, you have provided direction for your people. You instructed Adam and Eve in tending your garden. You called Abram and Sarah to go on a journey to a land you would show them. You raised up Moses to lead your people from slavery to freedom. You raised up David to show how people could love you with their whole heart. You came to this world in Jesus to show us your willingness to walk our path and how to walk it in the best way. Thank you for your guiding hand.

God of forgiving patience, be it out of ignorance or arrogance, all too often we choose to forge our own path. It is only when we stumble and fall, get lost or sometimes break, that we admit the error of our way. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us to your way. Redirect our paths so we might become more like Jesus, your son, our Lord. Empower us to walk in his footsteps and in so doing, discover your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Song of Response**

*Spirit of the Living God*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **A TIME FOR FAMILY CELEBRATION**

### **Time with Children**

### **News of the Family**

*[Please submit all announcements to the church office by Wednesday.]*

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Forgive us our sins)**

### **Presenting our Tithes and Offerings (Please sign and pass the welcome pads)**

*Tithes and Offerings can be made electronically. Please see back for details.*

## **WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **The Story in Animation**

### **First Reading**

Lamentations 3:17-26

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*Hope in the Midst of Hardship***WE GO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD****Benediction**

**PCJH Cross Country Ski** – TODAY the XC ski group will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00pm sharp to carpool to Granite Canyon Trailhead on the Moose-Wilson Road. If you wish to meet at the trailhead make it 1:20pm. We will head to the Snake River, over the meadow and through the woods. Please call June Nystrom for more information, 690-9396.

**Weekly Fellowship Dinner** - Wednesdays, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Featuring our NEW Chef Christine Goodman. Volunteers needed! Please contact Christine if you are able to help, [christineg@wyoming.com](mailto:christineg@wyoming.com).

**New Classes – Childcare Available**

- The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, Wednesdays at 5:00pm. For individuals & 4<sup>th</sup> graders and older kids with their parents.
- Good to Great, Life and Faith, Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

**High School Mission Trip** - If you are interested in more information please come to one of our meetings: TODAY, 11:30am-12:15pm or January 20th, 6:00pm-6:45pm. Attendance at ONE of these meetings is REQUIRED. Students must have at least one parent/guardian at the meeting they attend. Students 8th grade going into 9th through 12th grade graduating may apply.

**Parents Night Out** – Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy an evening out and let our volunteers and staff watch your little ones. No RSVP is needed. A suggested minimum donation of \$5 per family. Please drop off your children with a tummy full of food, and we'll take care of the rest!

**Church Information Class** – Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am. If you are interested in becoming a member or would just like to know more about PCJH, this is the class for you. Taught by Pastor Ben. Light lunch and childcare provided. Please contact Cindy Dahlin at 734-0388 or [cdahlin@pcjh.org](mailto:cdahlin@pcjh.org) to RSVP.

**Looking for Office Help** – Cindy Dahlin could use help answering phones etc while Lindsey Parr is on a Mission Trip in Kenya, January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ENGAGE Conference – January 29-30, 2016** - PCJH is excited to host an upcoming workshop which presents a new evangelism approach to help churches share God's good news. Friday 29th, 5:30-8:30pm & Saturday 30th, 8:30am–4:30pm, \$20. Childcare available. Check out the details and sign up at [pcjh.org](http://pcjh.org).

**Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am.** Our annual congregational meeting will be held to approve the pastoral compensation for 2016 and give an informational overview of the 2016 budget.

**Next Agros Service Trip** - The ninth PCJH Agros Service Trip to Nicaragua is tentatively scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. For more details please contact Bob Kopp at [bkopp@waldenasset.com](mailto:bkopp@waldenasset.com) or 307-203-2329.



**THIS WEEK AT PCJH**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**January 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

- 8:00am - Worship Service
- 9:00am – The Story
- 9:00am – The Gospel of Matthew
- 10:15am – Worship Service
- 11:30am – High School Mission Info Mtg
- 11:45am – Children’s Choir
- 1:00pm – PCJH Cross Country Ski

**January 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

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**January 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday**

- 6:45am - Men’s Bible Study at the Virginian
- 12:00pm - Women’s Bible Study, Pastor Ben

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday**

- After School Program–6:00pm
- 5:00pm – The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe (for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and older & parents)
- 6:00pm – High School Mission Info Mtg
- 6:00pm - Fellowship Dinner – NEW CHEF
- 6:45-7:45pm – Programs for all ages:
  - Choir, new participants welcome
  - Nursery
  - K-5 classes
  - M.S./ H.S. Youth Group
  - The Story
  - Good to Great, Life and Faith

**January 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday**

- 12 noon - Men's Bible Study, Pastor Ben @ Jackson Whole Grocer
- 7:00pm – Ascent: 20’s & 30’s Fellowship

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday**

- 8:00am - Men’s Group
- 9:00am-3:00pm – Piecemakers
- 5:30-7:30pm – Parent’s Night Out

**Save the Date:**

- 1/24 – Church Information Class
- 1/31, 2/7 – Super Bowl Sub Sales
- 1/31 – Congregational Meeting

**Thanks to:**

**Greeters:**

- 8:00am – Martha VanGenderen
- 10:15am – Joan & John Shipman

**Lay Readers:**

- 8:00am – Michael Adams
- 10:15am – Amy Dahmen

**Fellowship Snacks:**

- 8:00am – Jane Lavino
- 10:15am – Joah Harris & Carol Kelleghan

**Wrangler:**

**Gift Counters:**

Alicia Neathery & Barb Huhn

**Coffee Preparation:**

Brad Herman

**Volunteer Recognition:**

- Greg & Pat Wright for their dedicated service as Stewardship Chairs.
- Randy & Robyn Reedy for their willingness to teach Sunday School for the next couple of months.

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~Rev. Ben Pascal

~Rev. Steve Weber

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Tithes and Offerings can be made with a credit card at [pcjh.org](http://pcjh.org) or by texting the amount to 307.200.2175.

\* from *Prayers for Worship and Reflection*, by Rev. Dr. Paul Hayden