

Pastor's Log September 9, 2020

¹⁶ Rejoice always. ¹⁷ Pray continually. ¹⁸ Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes. 5:16-18)

I hear you had a good preacher Sunday morning. Give thanks to God! God is good, all the Time....

First, I am feeling much better with each passing day. I credit that to your prayers. Thank you for those who shared their healing prayers for me. I give thanks to God for your care. All the Time, God is good!

I also give thanks to those who stepped in on Sunday to make our worship flow both in the morning and evening services. Thanks to Marianne and her willingness to let us use her sermon for the Sunday morning service. I am glad you had the rich experience of her sharing the Word. My absence meant a larger load for Ann and Carol and Natalie to carry. A special thanks to Tim Brown, Ann's husband, who stepped in as our Tech Person for the Sunday evening Memorial service. They are a blessing. I am reminded that no one of us is indispensable, that the Spirit will bring together all that is needed at any particular time to make happen what needs to happen. God is good, all the time!

I also thank God for the healing that I have had, and will continue to have. Yes, I believe God has made me well. No, not necessarily in the literal "God laid his hand on me, and I am healed" sense. But just as literally, God has healed me through the capacity God has given humanity to think, and imagine, to study and observe, to learn and deduce. Yes, I am giving God credit for the gifts and abilities God gave individuals to figure out how disease works, and to find ways to treat illnesses. One of the results of science in medicine is the anti-biotic that is destroying the infection that struck me. I give thanks to God, for all the time, God is good!

This struck me powerfully as I became ill in the midst of the pandemic. Yes, there was fear that it might be connected to Covid 19. Medical consultation, and looking at the medically defined indications of Covid relieved that fear, though it did not make me feel better physically. That took conversation with and diagnosis by the doctor, who was then able to prescribe the right treatment. (I would note for you that my physician is an immigrant from another land, a different religion, a darker shade with a closer claim to being Aryan than I have.) We are tied by depth of compassion, respect for scholarship and medical science. Isn't it amazing how God works in our midst. God is good, all the time!

Thank you for your prayer and good wishes. Thanks to God for my healing, and for the science that brings with it healing, wisdom, and hope.

Grace and peace be with you,

Pastor Paul

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church at Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910100569>

Or by telephone dial 1-929-205-6099, if asked, enter the Webinar ID: 910 100 569

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 AM Led by Sam Bonner

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=WxV3dk5zYlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REdz09>

By phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter when asked the meeting ID 564-813-133

Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor Ann

Tuesdays at 10 AM to 11 AM.

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Thursdays at 7 PM to 8 PM.

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Wednesday Evening Faith Conversations with Pastor Paul 6:30-7:30

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