

Sun., Aug. 1 - (Holy Communion, Celebration of Cassi's Licensing and Appointment)

Memory Verse: "The eternal God is your refuge, His everlasting arms support you." -Deuteronomy 33:27a

Message: Living in the Fire: Stand Up

Reading of Scripture & Sermon Scripture: Daniel 2:1-49

Blurb: This Sunday we continue on in Daniel, the great prophet of the Old Testament. In the second chapter he faces certain death. Yet because of God's Spirit directing him, he is faithful and God's purpose is proclaimed. This Sunday we learn how we can be faithful in times of crisis and how when we do, God can use us to bring great blessing to others.

[Recorded Worship Beginning]

WELCOME -Pastor Andrew

MEMORY VERSE: -Pastor Andrew

"The eternal God is your refuge, His everlasting arms support you." -Deuteronomy 33:27a

WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Sanctify

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Only King Forever

Worship prayer -Pastor Andrew

[Live Worship Beginning]

GATHERING SONG: *Another in the Fire* -Sanctify

WELCOME -Pastor David

MEMORY VERSE: -Pastor David

"The eternal God is your refuge, His everlasting arms support you." -Deuteronomy 33:27a

WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Sanctify

Crown Him with Many Crowns

For God Alone

Your Love Defends Me

Worship prayer -Pastor Andrew

[Both Recorded & Live Worship]

SERVE MOMENT: Kids' Summer Bash -Pastor Andrew

LOVE MOMENT: Missionary Offering & Wednesday Concert -Pastor Andrew

INSTILLATION OF CASSI AS PASTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY -Pastor David & Gina Lindholm

-Pastor Cassi will lead us in our Holy Communion today!

-Prayer over Cassi

GENERATIONAL BRIDGE -Pastor David

[Addressing the kids:]

Come on family, it's time for our radio program. Kids, you're going to love this, too. It's an exciting story about Daniel, from the Bible, Daniel chapter 2. It's a long chapter in which Daniel successfully interprets the king's strange dream. As you hear it, listen for

1. How Daniel responded when he heard very scary news, and
2. What Daniel did about it.

This can help us know how we can respond to scary things. Let's listen.

[Pastor David "turns on" radio.]

WFHC RADIO SHOW: Daniel 2:1-49 -Reader: Dramatic Reading Team

1 In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's [neb-you-kad-NEZ-ur] rule, he had many dreams. The dreams made him anxious, but he kept sleeping. 2 The king summoned the dream interpreters, enchanters, diviners, and astrologers to explain his dreams to him. They came and stood before the king.

3 Then the king said to them: "I had a dream, and I'm anxious to know its meaning."

4 The astrologers answered the king in Aramaic: "Long live the king! Tell your servants the dream, and we will explain its meaning."

5 The king answered the astrologers: "My decision is final: If you can't tell me the dream and its meaning, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into trash dumps. 6 But if you do explain the dream and its meaning, you'll receive generous gifts and glorious honor from me. So explain to me the dream as well as its meaning."

7 They answered him again: "The king must tell his servants the dream. We will then explain the meaning."

8 The king replied: "Now I definitely know you are stalling for time, because you see that my decision is final 9 and that if you can't tell me the dream, your fate is certain. You've conspired to make false and lying speeches before me until the situation changes. Tell me the dream now! Then I'll know you can explain its meaning to me."

10 The astrologers answered the king: "No one on earth can do what the king is asking! No king or ruler, no matter how great, has ever asked such a thing of any dream interpreter, enchanter, or astrologer. 11 What the king is asking is impossible! No one could declare the dream to the king but the gods, who don't live among mere humans."

12 At this, the king exploded in a furious rage and ordered that all Babylon's sages be wiped out. 13 So the command went out: The sages were to be killed. Daniel and his friends too were hunted down; they were to be killed as well.

14 Then Daniel, with wisdom and sound judgment, responded to Arioch [AIR-ih-ock] the king's chief executioner, who had gone out to kill Babylon's sages. 15 He said to Arioch [AIR-ih-ock] the king's royal officer, "Why is the king's command so unreasonable?" After Arioch [AIR-ih-ock] explained the situation to Daniel, 16 Daniel went and asked the king to give him some time so he could explain the dream's meaning to him. 17 Then Daniel

went to his house and explained the situation to his friends Hananiah [han-uh-NIE-uh], Mishael [MISH-eh-uhl], and Azariah [az-ah-RYE-ah] 18 so that they would ask the God of heaven for help about this mystery, in hopes that Daniel and his friends wouldn't die with the rest of Babylon's sages. 19 Then, in a vision by night, the mystery was revealed to Daniel! Daniel praised the God of heaven:

20 God's name be praised
from age to eternal age!

Wisdom and might are his!

21 God is the one who changes times and eras,
who dethrones one king, only to establish another,
who grants wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those with insight.

22 God is the one who uncovers what lies deeply hidden;
he knows what hides in darkness;
light lives with him!

23 I acknowledge and praise you, my fathers' God!
You've given me wisdom and might,
and now you've made known to me what we asked of you:
you've made known to us the king's demand.

24 So Daniel went to Arioch [AIR-ih-ock], the man the king had appointed to wipe out Babylon's sages. Daniel said to him, "Don't wipe out the sages of Babylon! Bring me before the king, and I will explain the dream's meaning to him." 25 Wasting no time, Arioch [AIR-ih-ock] brought Daniel before the king, telling him, "I have found someone from the Judean exiles who will tell the dream's meaning to the king."

26 In reply the king said to Daniel (whose name was Belteshazzar [bell-tuh-SHAZ-zur]), "Can you really tell me the dream that I saw, as well as its meaning?"

27 Daniel answered the king, "Sages, enchanters, dream interpreters, and diviners can't explain to the king the mystery he seeks. 28 But there is a God in heaven, a revealer of mysteries, who has shown King Nebuchadnezzar [neb-you-kad-NEZ-ur] what will happen in the days to come! Now this was your dream—this was the vision in your head as you lay in your bed:

29 "As you lay in bed, Your Majesty, your thoughts turned to what will happen in the future. The revealer of mysteries has revealed to you what will happen. 30 Now this mystery was revealed to me, not because I have more wisdom than any other living person but so that the dream's meaning might be made known to the king, and so that you might know the thoughts of your own mind.

31 "Your Majesty, you were looking, and there, rising before you, was a single, massive statue. This statue was huge, shining with dazzling light, and was awesome to see. 32 The statue's head was made of pure gold; its chest and arms were made from silver; its abdomen and hips were made of bronze. 33 Its legs were of iron, and its feet were a mixture of iron and clay. 34 You observed this until a stone was cut, but not by hands; and it smashed the statue's feet of iron and clay and shattered them. 35 Then all the parts shattered simultaneously—iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. They became like chaff, left on summer threshing floors. The wind lifted them away until no trace of them remained. But the stone that smashed the statue became a mighty mountain, and it filled the entire earth.

36 “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its meaning: 37 You, Your Majesty, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given kingship, power, might, and glory to you! 38 God has delivered into your care human beings, wild creatures, and birds in the sky—wherever they live—and has made you ruler of all of them. You are the gold head. 39 But in your place, another kingdom will arise, one inferior to yours, and then a third, bronze kingdom will rule over all the earth. 40 Then will come a fourth kingdom, mighty like iron. Just as iron shatters and crushes everything; so like an iron that smashes, it will shatter and crush all these others. 41 As for the feet and toes that you saw, which were a mixture of potter’s clay and iron, that signifies a divided kingdom; but it will possess some of the unyielding strength of iron. Even so, you saw the iron mixed with earthy clay 42 so that the toes were made from a mixture of iron and clay. Part of the kingdom will be mighty, but part of it will be fragile. 43 Just as you saw the iron mixed with earthy clay, they will join together by intermarrying, but they will not bond to each other, just as iron does not fuse with clay.

44 “But in the days of those kings, the God of heaven will raise up an everlasting kingdom that will be indestructible. Its rule will never pass to another people. It will shatter other kingdoms. It will put an end to all of them. It will stand firm forever, 45 just like you saw when the stone, which was cut from the mountain, but not by hands, shattered the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. A great God has revealed to the king what will happen in the future. The dream is certain. Its meaning can be trusted.”

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar [neb-you-kad-NEZ-ur] bowed low and honored Daniel. The king ordered that grain and incense offerings be made to Daniel. 47 The king declared to Daniel, “No doubt about it: your God is God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries because you were able to reveal this mystery!” 48 Then the king exalted Daniel and lavished gifts on him, making him ruler over all the province of Babylon and chief minister over all Babylon’s sages. 49 At Daniel’s urging, the king appointed Shadrach [SHAD-rak], Meshach [MEE-shak], and Abed-nego [uh-BED-nee-go] to administer the province of Babylon, but Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

GENERATIONAL BRIDGE, CONTINUED -Pastor David

[Pastor David turns off the radio.]

Wasn’t that exciting? Thanks for listening.

So, kids, 1. How did Daniel respond when he heard very scary news?

[2:14 “Then Daniel, with wisdom and sound judgment, responded....”]

2. What did Daniel do about it?

[2:16 “Daniel went and asked the king to give him some time so he could explain the dream’s meaning to him.”]

And now, in the sermon, we’re going to hear how we can learn from Daniel how we can Stand Up for God when we are facing scary situations.

MESSAGE: Strange Fire Series (Daniel) Living in the Fire #2: Stand Up

Bumper Video

PP#1: (Daniel) Living in the Fire: Stand Up

“The king declared to Daniel, ‘No doubt about it: your God is God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries because you were able to reveal this mystery!’ -Daniel 2:47

Strange Fire: (Daniel) Living in the Fire: Stand Up. Daniel 2:47, “The king declared to Daniel, ‘No doubt about it: your God is God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries because you were able to reveal this mystery!’”

When I was a boy, I learned in Sunday School *The Daniel Song*: “Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.” We who have the Holy Spirit burning within us are learning from Daniel and his three friends how to live faithfully in the fire. In chapter 2 of the story, we learn to what it looks like to Stand Up when things fall apart.

PP#2: *Image of a bag of groceries that had torn and crashed onto the floor in a big mess.*

When I was in seminary, we lived in an rented apartment that was the attic of a house. There were exterior metal steps going up that third floor. One day I came home from grocery shopping. Now, I was a carry-out boy at Red Owl when I was in high school. Anyone remember Red Owl? So, I had to prove my worth by carrying up both heavy paper bags filled with groceries. When I got to the top, I flexed my superpower by putting both bags in my left arm while getting my keys to unlock the door. Well, as I put the key into the lock, one of the sacks began to rip. I tried to lean the bags against the side of the house, but to no avail. Groceries crashed to the stairwell, including a dozen eggs. I hobbled into the apartment and put the other grocery bag on the counter so I could grab the cloth and clean up the eggs. What I didn’t notice is that I sat the bag on the very edge of the counter. As I was sopping up the eggs—that were oozing down through the metal mesh of three flights of stairs—I noticed a strange hissing sound. It dawned on me too late. When I pushed the bag of groceries against the wall to steady them, a can of pop had sprung a leak, and the hissing sound was the pop squirting into the grocery bag on the counter. Of course, it made the bag wet, and sagged, and of course, it tipped over off the counter and crashed all over the floor. Another pop can burst and I had two sugary fountains shooting up from the mess like fireworks. A jar of pickles had also smashed, and pickle juice oozed toward the carpet. What a *pickle!*

PP#3: *Previous image, but add the subtitle: “What do you do when the bottom falls out?”*

What do you do when the bottom falls out? Now, this was just a grocery bag, but it helps us visualize when the bottom falls out of your life: your career, your family, your health. What do you do when things just go horribly wrong, one thing after another?

A teenage boy was brought to the ER. The doctor suspected the problem was drug related, but the boy’s Christian parents just couldn’t believe it; they’d never known their son to consume anything stronger than root beer. The doctor turned out to be right.

A seven-year-old girl was diagnosed as having leukemia. Her father, a believer, had just been laid off from his job.

A dad watched helplessly for a year-and-a-half as his only daughter’s marriage fell apart. Then he lost his job. And then, his daughter was killed in a car crash by a drunk driver.

Each one of these actually happened...to faithful people in my brother’s church. All involved faith-filled, solid Christians. You may resonate with this. And situations like these show us why the second chapter of Daniel has a lot to do with the realities of life today. The Bible is not just about the past. It’s about now. And the bottom fell out for Daniel, God’s servant, too.

Remember from chapter 1 that Daniel and his three friends were taken as slaves. The bottom just fell out of their lives, right? But then, they were chosen to train for the king’s service, and they were found to be very wise and exceptional, and they were promoted to positions in the king’s

service, Daniel was a teenager. Ooo, God granted them blessing! With God's help, and without compromising their faithfulness, they had risen above their circumstances. So, you may run into difficulties in life, but press on! Things will work out. Right?

Well...just when everything was looking up...then the bottom fell out.

PP#4: *Image of King Nubchadnezzar's dream of the statue of gold, silver, bronze, iron & clay, such as from:* <https://www.christiantruthcenter.com/nebuchadnezzars-dream/>

The king started having a reoccurring dream. It troubled the king: in fact, it scared him. So he called in his wise men to find out what the dream meant. "Yes, yes, O king, tell us the dream and we'll tell you what it means." But the king is not stupid. He knows that they could just make up any interpretation that they wanted. So, he tests to see if they really have magical insight. "If you really know supernatural things, then before you tell me what the dream means, first tell me what my dream was!"

Of course, these counselors could not tell the king what his dream was. Their failure and excuses made the irascible king so angry that he ordered all the wise men of the kingdom killed...get rid of these mooching frauds. But remember: Daniel and his friends had just been made wise men, too! So the commander of the king's guard went looking for Daniel.

PP#5: Living in the Fire: Stand Up! when the Bottom Falls Out

1. Pause

"2:14 Then Daniel, with wisdom and sound judgment, responded to Arioch the king's chief executioner, who had gone out to kill Babylon's sages. 15 He said to Arioch the king's royal officer, 'Why is the king's command so unreasonable?'"

So, Daniel is sitting in his study one day, and in comes Arioch [AIR-ih-ock], captain of the king's guard. In one hand he held a sword. In the other, he held an order for Daniel's execution. Talk about the bottom falling out! Now, we are given this story for a number of reasons. We can look at Daniel and learn from him how a godly person is to live. So, if you have ever faced a traumatic moment in your life, if you ever expect that you might, listen up!

Daniel does not freak out. He doesn't rush to premature actions. He doesn't cast blame or point fingers. He takes a breath. You see, Daniel has a calm assurance that steadies him when the rug is pulled out from under him. He has a trust in God that helps him keep his head. Verse 14, "Then Daniel, with wisdom and sound judgment [another translations uses the word "tact,"] responded to Arioch the king's chief executioner, who had gone out to kill Babylon's sages. 15 He said to Arioch the king's royal officer, 'Why is the king's command so unreasonable?'"

Daniel pauses! Rather than responding rashly—like the king!—he reflects. What is really going on here? Let's dig at this a bit and try to flush out the root causes. There is more than meets the eye. That's wisdom! But it comes from a steady trust in God, knowing that in the midst of this, God is at work. Daniel is not alone. Nor does he have to face this calamity alone.

We can learn this from Daniel! Each day, wake up and put that day into God's hands. Proclaim that God is at work, and that you can trust that whatever happens that day, it will be okay. Then, when you are blind-sided with things falling apart, you can pause rather than fall apart. When someone really treats you badly, stop and ask the question, "Why are that person's actions so unreasonable?" You see, doing that, in the pause and the reflection, you allow the Holy Spirit within you time and margin to act. You let the Holy Spirit bring wisdom.

When Daniel pauses to hear about the bigger picture, the Holy Spirit then prompts Daniel to address the real issue. He asks for an audience with the king. The Holy Spirit worked in his heart so Daniel knew that God was up to something bigger in that mess. God had given the king the dream, because God had a message for him. Daniel felt confirmation that he could go and explain it, so he boldly sent the report that he would explain the dream to the king.

PP#6: Living in the Fire: Stand Up! when the Bottom Falls Out

1. Pause

2. Pray

2:17 Then Daniel went to his house and explained the situation to his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah 18 so that they would ask the God of heaven for help about this mystery, in hopes that Daniel and his friends wouldn't die with the rest of Babylon's sages.

But then, notice the next, crucial step that Daniel shows us when the bottom falls out. Verse 17, "Then Daniel went to his house and explained the situation to his friends Hananiah [han-uh-NIE-uh], Mishael [MISH-eh-uhl], and Azariah [az-ah-RYE-ah] 18 so that they would ask the God of heaven for help about this mystery, in hopes that Daniel and his friends wouldn't die with the rest of Babylon's sages."

When the bottom falls out, Daniel fell to his knees. He didn't try to think his way through this. He didn't try to throw around his political power by calling in some favors, pulling a few strings, twisting a few arms. He called in some prayer partners!

Daniel had the same options we do in crisis. He could have resorted to his intelligence, his power, or his resources. But instead he turned to God. Prayer was his direct response. And he called upon his church family to pray for him. Notice that this is not some altruistic call to prayer by some glowing saint. Daniel and the others were fearing for their lives, and they bluntly asked God to spare them! Daniel was facing a crisis too big for him. And instead of trying to hold it all himself, he handed it off to God. "O God, I can't fix this! I can't heal the wound, correct the fault, clean up the mess, or put my life back together. Only you, Lord, can. I need you. I trust in you."

We need to learn this primary prayer response. When we hang up the phone, after we open the letter, after the person leaves, we must fall to our knees!

Bob Rosenbaum told me that when he was serving as a principle, he learned to pray first. Before he responded to the mad parent, before he responded to the frustrated teacher, before he talked to the defiant student, he learned to whisper a prayer. And he said that he learned this, because he noticed that whenever he *didn't*—when he tried to handle things on his own—it usually didn't go as well. But when he remembered to pray, he noticed that things worked out so much better.

PP#7: Living in the Fire: Stand Up! when the Bottom Falls Out

1. Pause

2. Pray

3. Praise

"2:19 Then, in a vision by night, the mystery was revealed to Daniel! Daniel praised the God of heaven: 20 'God's name be praised from age to eternal age! Wisdom and might are His!'"

Well, in verse 19 we see that that night, God revealed the mystery to Daniel. And when Daniel wakes up, he praises God! Daniel responds to pressure with praise.

Well, easy for Daniel to do, right? I mean, God told him what the king's dream was. Lucky him. It's easy to praise God when you get the answers and the crisis is resolved. *But was it?* Actually, the message that Daniel got was not so good! It was one that the king would *not* appreciate!

The message was that Nebuchadnezzar's [neb-you-kad-NEZ-ur] kingdom was going to be divided. It was to be replaced by one kingdom after another. Yes, Nebuchadnezzar's reign would be Babylon's golden era, but it was not going to last. And we can look back through history and see that this vision came true. The Babylonian empire was succeeded by the Persian empire (a silver era, not quite as lustrous), which would be conquered by Greece (a vast empire across the known world, yes, but not quite as bright—bronze), which would be succeeded by Rome (an empire of iron), followed by a divided world of different nations loosely held together, still true to this day.

So, the message to the king was that his kingdom was passing: all he built would be destroyed and scattered like chaff on the wind. To go and reveal this to the king would be a death sentence. So yes, God did reveal the dream to Daniel, but I don't think that really helped his *grave* situation!

PP#8: 3 Reasons to Praise God when the Bottom Falls Out:

- God is there to help you
- God has helped you through so much so far
- God always brings salvation

Even so, there are three reasons Daniel could still praise God. First, God was there helping him. He was not alone and could turn to God for help. Secondly, Daniel remembered God's goodness in the past. Daniel praises God for how God had been faithful to him in his past. The third reason Daniel could praise the Lord was because he learned of God's salvation.

PP#9: Jesus in Daniel 2: The Rock!

2:44 "But in the days of those kings, the God of heaven will raise up an everlasting kingdom that will be indestructible. Its rule will never pass to another people. It will shatter other kingdoms. It will put an end to all of them. It will stand firm forever, 45 just like you saw when the stone, which was cut from the mountain [an image for God], but not by hands [not by human agency...the virgin birth showed Jesus was God], shattered the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. A great God has revealed to the king what will happen in the future. The dream is certain. Its meaning can be trusted."

The Rock in the dream, that is hewn from a mountain (the mountain is a symbol for God) and not by human hands (that means no human power: Jesus' virgin birth shows He is God), that endures forever, that outlasts earthly kingdoms, that grows and grows, is the Rock of our Salvation: Jesus! In the dream, God proclaimed to the pagan king that God is working salvation, and it will be far mightier than any kingdom of earth, even the one that the great Nebuchadnezzar's [neb-you-kad-NEZ-ur] had created. Daniel knew that in the end, good wins. God wins!

PP#10: 3 Reasons to Praise God when the Bottom Falls Out:

- God is there to help you
- God has helped you through so much so far
- God always brings salvation

I bet that there is an area in your life where the bottom has fallen out. You don't know why. There is no discernable reason. And it hurts, bad! Maybe the problem is finances, or your family being torn apart, or a loved one suffering an illness, or perhaps you're suffering physically. How do you face the difficulty? Start by thinking of just one good thing God has put in your life right now. Then praise God for it. Then, remember something good that God has done for you in the past. And praise Him for that. Finally, proclaim that God will use this crisis to bring good. God will work salvation in your mess...*through* your mess! So, no matter how deep the darkness is that you are facing, if you praise God, you will begin to feel His hand. He is still there. He still cares for you. He still will help you through it all: just like He has done before.

PP#11: Living in the Fire: Stand Up! when the Bottom Falls Out

1. Pause
2. Pray
3. Praise
4. Proclaim

2:27 “Daniel answered the king, ‘Sages, enchanters, dream interpreters, and diviners can't explain to the king the mystery he seeks. 28 But there is a God in heaven, a revealer of mysteries, who has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the days to come!’”

So, when the bottom falls out in your life, 1. Pause. Then 2. Pray. Then 3. Praise. And this is what positioned Daniel to fulfill his purpose in the midst of the crisis. Daniel was able to go the king and 4. proclaim the greatness of God. Notice, he didn't take the credit for the amazing insight God gave him. He told the king that it was God who gave him the understanding.

When we lived in the parsonage in Duluth, we had a split entry. Now, when we moved there, Nathan was just learning to walk. I remember one day when we came in the door, and Nathan decided he would walk up the stairs like a big person. But he was very unsteady! Yet he was determined! I let him go, but quietly stepped closely behind him. Half way up he began to teeter. He lost his balance and started to fall backwards. With my ready hands I softly gave him a little push to right him. When you got to the top, Nathan, you were so pleased with yourself, with what you had done! I was pleased, too, of course, but I knew that your success was because there were other hands at work. You had no idea how terrible your fall could have been. But I made sure you were safe!

PP#12: “The eternal God is your refuge, His everlasting arms support you.” -Deuteronomy 33:27a

In Deuteronomy 33:27, the Bible says that God is the One who keeps us safe because His everlasting arms support us. We may think that what we have accomplished, or what we are, is a matter of our efforts, arrangements, or abilities—or the work of our hands—but the truth is that other arms have been pushing us. Daniel proclaimed at the moment he was in the spotlight, that it was only by God's support that he was able to give the answer. Daniel pointed to God.

PP#13: God Fulfilled His Purpose in the Midst of Daniel's Crisis:

“The king declared to Daniel, ‘No doubt about it: your God is God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries because you were able to reveal this mystery!’” -Daniel 2:47

And then look what happened next. In verse 47, Nebuchadnezzar then honored Daniel's God. God was able to fulfill His purpose in the midst of Daniel's crisis. When we dare to proclaim

God, even when—or especially when—things are difficult, we will help speak truth to the darkness and help bring hope to the worst that we might face. God’s purpose will be fulfilled through you!

PP#14: Living in the Fire: Stand Up! when the Bottom Falls Out

1. Pause
2. Pray
3. Praise
4. Proclaim

When the bottom falls out in life, dare to be a Daniel. Depend on the Holy Spirit burning within you. Pause. Pray. Praise. And Point to God. This will shift your despair from the lack of *your* abilities to the victory from trusting in *God’s* abilities. It makes you dependent on God, and makes room for God to work through you, what He has been purposing all along. You may not always see it, like Daniel did. But keep trusting. We are held, and carried, by God’s strong arms

And there’s another thing we can praise God for, AND a way perhaps we can point Him out to others, as we stop to help them clean up the mess from their fallen grocery bag!

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION -Pastor Cassi

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Introduction

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Receiving the Elements

-Prayer station at the back of the church

Song: *Precious Jesus*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[IN-PERSON WORSHIP ONLY] CLOSING SONG: *Only King Forever* -Sanctify

OFFERING: -Pastor David

-Give of your monies to God’s work through this church. You can give in person, mail it in, drop it off or, most conveniently, you can make an electronic transfer or a debit card payment on the church website or by using the “square” on the bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -Pastor David

Wednesday Morning: Kids Bash

Wednesday Evening: Supper & Missionary Concert!

Next Sunday’s message: Daniel: Stand Firm (The Fiery Furnace!)

MEMORY VERSE -Pastor David

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BENEDICTION -Pastor David