

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S

M I N I S T R Y



“Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land” (Psalm 68:4-6).

This is Covenant Presbyterian’s memory verse for the Season After Epiphany. Why? Why this passage? This passage is such a vivid reminder of who our God is. Read through it again and consider what this passage tells us about God.

He is God.

We are to sing praises to him—he is praiseworthy.

We are to sing to him who rides through the desert—he is in those places of wilderness.

His name is LORD—there is only one LORD and we are to worship at his feet.

He is Father. He is the father to all of us, especially those who are without an earthly father.

He protects widows. He is the protector of those who are alone.

He is holy and his place is to be a Father and protector.

God takes the lonely and puts them in homes with families and communities.

God takes those who are imprisoned, downtrodden, overwhelmed, unable to break free and gives them hope, shows them mercy, and provides for all of their needs.

Those that rebel against the Lord, those whose hearts are hard will remain in a place where they reject the living water.

I am sure that as you read these verses you came up with other ways that this passage tells us who God is. Isn’t it amazing to consider who our God is? During this season I have been reminded that resting and waiting are active verbs. We are not called to passively just hang out and hope things work out the way they are supposed to. We are to rest in God, we are to wait on the Lord. That can be hard when we want to correct, fix, and work to make things happen according to our plan. We rest and wait in his word, in his presence, in prayer, in corporate worship, in personal worship. We all confess to believe in God. Do we believe God? When I read this psalm and get yet a greater glimpse of who he is, I am more inclined not simply to believe in him but to believe him!

Susan Yates will be sharing about “Hope in Uncertain Times” which ties seamlessly into this topic. It is an event for women at Covenant on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors! We are partnering with Samford’s Legacy League to support their scholarship program to provide scholarships to students with significant financial need and challenging circumstances. Covenant has long partnered with Samford, since our beginnings as a church. (We actually met for worship at Samford before we built our church here on Old Montgomery Hwy.) I am excited that Susan is coming to Birmingham to speak and thrilled that we will have her at Covenant. I have known Susan and her family for over 30 years. She is a down to earth, personable speaker who speaks truth with

humor. I look forward to hearing her encouragement of finding peace. Please plan to join us by registering here: samford.edu/legacyleague

February is also the time of the year when we celebrate our Missions Festival. Even though it will look different this year from past years, Sandy Willson will be with us to preach, teach, challenge, and encourage. Mark your calendars for February 19-22! You will not want to miss being a part of the Missions Festival.

Blessings,
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