

# **IN the FOYER:**

- Shareword Christmas Cards
- assistive hearing devices (ask an usher)
- Our Daily Bread Devotionals

# **On the Calendar:**

Tonight @ 7:00pm Let Us Worship the King – doors open @ 6:30pm, collection for Dryden Food Bank (make cheques payable to Dryden Food Bank, e-transfer drydenfoodbank@drytel.net)
Dec 27 (Wed) @ 7:30am - Men's Bible Study
Dec 27 (Wed) – NO Discipleship and Prayer Time
Dec 29 – NO Fired UP – resumes in January – TBA
Dec 30 – Celebration at the Centre 1-4 for A&B Knapp
Dec 31 (Sun) – speaker Luke Egli
Jan 01 (Mon) – Happy New Year's Day!
Jan 03 (Wed) – NO Discipleship and Prayer Time
Jan 06 (Sat) @ 10:30 Sonshine Saturday
Jan 07 (Sun) – communion, benevolent offering, NO luncheon, last day for Mitten Tree



PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

# **Dryden First Baptist Church**

### Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am Junior Church occurs during the worship hour. Nursery facilities are available for parents to use. Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months. Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year. Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm (watch for announcements or check Facebook)

## Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church Facebook - Sonshine Saturday YouTube - Christian Canuck Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



## **Office Hours**

Pastor Adam Hall is in the office: Tuesday - Friday 9am-5pm Cell: 220-2287 Email: fbcdrydenpastor@gmail.com

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## **Officers:**

Elders - Peter Egli, Adam Hall & Milton Harder Deacons - Brock Penner, Graham Penner, Ron Rhyner, Luke Egli Treasurer - Gordon Robinson Clerk - Ken Wickstrom A Song of Praise. Of David.

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,

and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand;

you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
- <sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

#### Introduction

Hitchens suggests that organized religion is "violent, irrational, intolerant, allied to racism, tribalism, and bigotry, invested in ignorance and hostile to free inquiry, contemptuous of women and coercive toward children" and sectarian, and that accordingly it "ought to have a great deal on its conscience".

David would:

- a) Agree
- b) disagree

Psalm 145:8-9 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

- Psalm 145 is an \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm

- Psalm 145 has 6 distinct parts

V1-2 – David\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he will praise and exalt the Lord

V 3-6 – David declares the \_\_\_\_\_ness of God

V7-10 – David declares the \_\_\_\_\_ness or mercy of God

V 11-13 – David revisits the topic of the greatness of God

V 14-20 – David revisits the topic of the goodness or \_\_\_\_\_ of God

V 21 – David ends this Psalm with another declaration that the Lord is to be \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1) (145:1-2) Praise the Lord

(145:1-2) I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

#### 2) (145:3-6) God is Great

(145:3-6) 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. 6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Romans 11:33-34 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

#### 3) (145:7-10) God is Gracious

(145:7-10) 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Exodus 34:6-7 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Jonah 4:2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

#### 4) (145:11-13) God is Great

(145:11-13) 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, 12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

#### 5) (145:14-20) God is Gracious

(145:14-20) 14 The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

#### a) the Lord shows grace

- 1. 145:14 the Lord lifts up humble people
- 2. Psalm 145:15-16 the Lord provides for His people

3. Psalm 145:18-20 - the Lord shows mercy to those who call upon the Him

#### b) the Lord calls His people to respond

- 1. call upon Him
- 2. fear the Lord
- 3. cry out to the Lord
- 4. love the Lord

#### c) when grace is rejected

#### 6) (145:21) Praise the Lord

(145:21) 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Application 1) See the Greatness of Jesus a) King and kingdom

b) the Messiah

**Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

c) Jesus is the great King

2) See the Graciousness of Jesus a) Jesus' character Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Romans 5:7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

b) enemy or friend of God?

c) trust and turn

3) Praise the Lord a) praise is emphasized

Psalm 146:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! Psalm 147:1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. Psalm 148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Psalm 149:1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Psalm 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

b) the Lord is worthy of praise

c) if you know, then praise

4) Speak About the Greatness of God a) speak out – for the church

b) speak out – for all flesh

Psalm 145:21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.