# Third Street Presbyterian Church (USA)

# Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021 - 6pm**

**Welcome /Introductions: Pastor Reid**

**Opening Prayer : Ms. Gardenia Jackson**

**Opening Song: Elder Lowery with Music Ministry**

**THE WORD: Abiding in the Shadow of the Almighty- Psalm 91-NRSV- Deacon Dorothy Costner Reading**

[**1**](about:blank) You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, [**2**](about:blank) will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." [**3**](about:blank) For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; [**4**](about:blank) he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. [**5**](about:blank) You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, [**6**](about:blank) or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. [**7**](about:blank) A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. [**8**](about:blank) You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

[**9**](about:blank) Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, [**10**](about:blank) no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. [**11**](about:blank) For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. [**12**](about:blank) On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. [**13**](about:blank) You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. [**14**](about:blank) Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. [**15**](about:blank) When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. [**16**](about:blank) With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**REFLECTION: Elder Charles Whitesides Reading**

As we bring our troubles and concerns to God and trust for care and protection our hearts can find the rest and peace that we long for in these troubling days. God promises us rest as we remind ourselves of God’s power and majesty over all things . God does not take all our troubles and worries away, but promises to be with us in everything we go through in life. This psalm is an invitation to communion with God through prayer, and that as we draw close to God we will find rest and a calm place.

As you read Psalm 91 think of the big and small things that cause you worry, stress or anxiety in these days. Are there any ways you try to deal or cope with these things day to day that are helpful or not helpful? Think about the unhealthy ways you are dealing with things that make you nervous, anxious. Are you watching too much TV? Have you over doning it with activities that make you more nervous anxious? For example: too much time on social media, binge eating, lack of move mentor exercise, negative people? We must seek God’s care. We should seek to experience God’s protection, in our walk with God. In every area of life we should find ourselves coming to God for shelter or refuge.

Seek to experience God’s love and become one with God. Seek to find God’s promise of peace and rest. Take time for self care as you surround yourself surround yourself in God’s Divine presence. What do you feel you need most from God at the moment? When you call to God, God will answer Psalm 91:15. When was the last time you called on God for protection?

**Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion:**

Please feel free to join in during the study discussion. We all learn and are studying God’s Word together. If you have questions or want to share, hit the **\* asterisk**  on your phone. This way the moderator will know you have comments. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith. We all are learning from God’s Word daily.

1. Recall what stood out for you from the message in Psalm 91 Share with the group.
2. This Psalm calls us to trust God (v. 2), hold fast to him in love (v. 14), and to know his name (v. 14). How does your life show that you are doing these things?
3. What does Psalm 91:4 and Deut.32;10-11
4. have in common? Share with group. If you could think of a theme of these two passages, what would it be? There are no correct answers here. Please just share your thoughts.
5. In the New Testament, in Matthew 4:5-7, the devil quotes Psalm 91:11-13. Read these verses what do they have in common?
6. In verses 1 & 2 the psalmist declares the name of God four times. What names does the psalmist write?

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1. God will deliver you- Read through the passage write a note of the things it says God will do. He will\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.3). He will\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you.(v.4). In v. 15, find three things God will do:I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_him, I will\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him ,I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_him.
2. The Lord’s protection is against human enemies or persecutors as well as demonic forces or sickness . What verses in this Psalm confirm this?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

**Take a look at yourself: This psalm calls us to trust God (v. 2), hold fast to him in love (v. 14), and to know his name (v. 14). How does your life show that you are doing these things?**

**Sharing Inspiration and Mission Giving:**

What is inspiring you in these times? God is still doing a great work in all of us. If you desire to do so. **Starting in April**, if you would like to share inspiration, please contact Pastor Reid the Thursday **before** next bible study. Because we have limited time, you will have 3 minutes to share your inspiration. We can have more than one person. **Tonight : Arelene June**

***Pentecost Sunday Wear Red –* May 23, 2021- give to the Pentecost Offering**

**Evening Prayer:**

We lift up prayer requests at this time, we lift up our joys and concerns before the Lord. …… Close with the Lord’s Prayer. *Our Father who art in heaven…..*

**Closing Song: *At the Close of the Day* - Elder Lowery with Music Ministry**

**Words of Sending: - Pastor Reid-** *At the close of the day when we kneel down to pray we ask the Lord to keep us strong and forgive for all our wrong…..Go in peace knowing God’s protection surrounds you, always!*

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week!

With the Love of Christ,

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