

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church
The Lord's Day, December 26, 2021

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. Psalm 42:1

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude **B.J. Lyle**

Welcome and Prayer **Pastor Paul**

Praise Songs *I Am – Glorify Thy Name*

Ministry of Music *I Celebrate the Day* **Pastor Paul**

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn#279 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
vv. 1,2

Scripture **Psalm 24:1-6**

Ministry of Music *Tell Me What It's All About* **Men's Ensemble**

Sermon **Go A Little Further** **Pastor Paul**

Communion

Closing Hymn#267 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
vv. 1,4

Sermon: Go a little further...

Scriptures Psalm.103:9-14; Exodus. 33:12-18; Matthew 13:44-46; Psalm. 34:4-5; Romans. 11:36;
John 3:30; Isaiah.6:5; Psalm. 42:1-2

It is the time for New Years changes or resolutions- How bout resolving to seek the powerful presence of God in your life and all that it can bring? These blessings are Hope, Peace Joy, Love and an innumerable number of others.

“The LORD does not make His presence powerfully known in the life of the casual passerby- as if HE were just another attraction at an amusement park or a food truck among a host of others at a county fair. - Pastor Paul

”Self” is the opaque veil that hides the face of God from us.”- AW Tozer

A few hinderances to experiencing the powerful presence of God:

Go a little further in your seeking of God's powerful presence- after all- He is Near!

Let Us Keep to the Point By Oswald Chambers

"...my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." —Phil. 1:20

My Utmost for His Highest. *"...my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed...."* We will all feel very much ashamed if we do not yield to Jesus the areas of our lives He has asked us to yield to Him. It's as if Paul were saying, "My determined purpose is to be my utmost for His highest— my best for His glory." To reach that level of determination is a matter of the will, not of debate or of reasoning. It is absolute and irrevocable surrender of the will at that point. An undue amount of thought and consideration for ourselves is what keeps us from making that decision, although we cover it up with the pretense that it is others we are considering. When we think seriously about what it will cost others if we obey the call of Jesus, we tell God He doesn't know what our obedience will mean. Keep to the point— He does know. Shut out every other thought and keep yourself before God in this one thing only— my utmost for His highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone.

My Unstoppable Determination for His Holiness. "Whether it means life or death-it makes no difference!" (see Philippians 1:21). Paul was determined that nothing would stop him from doing exactly what God wanted. But before we choose to follow God's will, a crisis must develop in our lives. This happens because we tend to be unresponsive to God's gentler nudges. He brings us to the place where He asks us to be our utmost for Him and we begin to debate. He then providentially produces a crisis where we have to decide— for or against. That moment becomes a great crossroads in our lives. If a crisis has come to you on any front, surrender your will to Jesus absolutely and irrevocably. (utmost.org)



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
Organist – B.J. Lyle
Office Administrator – Danita Davis
Deacon of the Month – Nevis Leary

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