

Plymouth First Baptist Church January 8, 2023

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Church Family Announcements
11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude BJ Lyle

Welcome & Prayer Pastor Paul

Praise Songs Days of Elijah Congregation
Shout to the North

Scripture Reading & Prayer Psalm 23 Loyd Jones

Ministry of Music Brother James' Air FBC Choir

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Paul

Offertory Hymn#688 Savior, Like a Shepherd Congregation Verses 1,2,3,4

Offertory Scripture & Prayer

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O Mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Offering Ushers

Doxology Congregation

Sermon: We Need a Savior and a Shepherd

Scriptures: Genesis 48:15-16, 49:22-24; genesis 39:9, 50:20-23; Numbers 27:16-17; Ezekiel 34:1-3; Psalm 78:70-72; Psalm 49:12-14a; Proverbs 3:5-7; matt. 9:36; John 10; 1 Peter 5:2-4; Matt. 18:11-13

There are three truths that I pray will take firm root in your heart today if they have not already. You need a savior. You need a shepherd. Jesus is the only one who can eternally save and perfectly shepherd.

Jesus as savior, saves us from sin and death spiritually and forever. Jesus as shepherd leads, cares for, and guides us until we are at home with him in heaven.

A shepherd is a person who cares for flocks. He rules and leads them with a focus on care and concern. (Psalm 23 is the perfect picture of this role)

There are many instances in the scriptures of the Lord God being described as a shepherd. Let us look at a few.

- 1. **Jacob blessing Josephs sons.** Genesis 48:15-16.
- 2. **Jacob blessing and prophetically speaking over Joseph.** Genesis 49:22-24 (Note the words vine, arrow, bow and arms.)

God's leaders are to follow the Lord's example and be shepherds.

The leadership mantle being passed from Moses to Joshua. Num 27:16-17

David. Psalm 78:70-72

One who chooses to not follow the Lord is making a costly choice.

Ps 49:12-14; Prov, 3:5-7

3. Jesus is the complete picture of the Lord as the good Shepherd.

Throughout history God revealed more and more of himself to mankind. The figure of God as a shepherd found its fullness in the God Man, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus' life shined as a shepherd. Matt. 9:36

- John 10:2-5
- John 10:7-10, 14-16
- 1 Peter 5:2-4
- Matthew 18:11-13

The Live Facebook feed ends after the sermon.

Hymn of Invitation#496 No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus Congregation

If you are in need of counsel, come forward during the closing hymn or see one of the pastors after the service- We would be honored to speak to you!



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor Scott Bradshaw, Choir Director B.J. Lyle, Organist Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator Scott Smith, Deacon of the Month

