**12/8/24 Our Focus for This Time of Year! Psalm 149:1-5; 150**

* We can truly sing of the goodness of God because Jesus is the reason for the season!
* We can come before God with singing when we accept Him as our Shepherd.
* The psalmist encourages everything that has breath to praise the Lord!

**Psalm 23, 100**

**1. The organization of the Book of Psalms is powerful!**

* The first division of Psalms starts with the “blessed man.”
* Praising God really picks up around Psalm 146 and continues to the end of the Psalms.
* The final psalm within each division concludes with an expression of joyful praise to the Lord!

**Psalms 1; 146:1-2; 147-150**

**2. We should have never-ending praise!**

* The 149th Psalm calls for worshippers to praise by singing, dancing and playing musical instruments.
* Worshippers are given a new song to sing to God.
* The faithful should celebrate and shout for joy because God is their source!

**Psalms 40:3, 149:1-5; Isaiah 42:10; 43:19; 2 Sam. 6:15-21**

**3. Let’s consider the various aspects of Praise.**

* Psalm 150 considers the place of praise, the points of praise, the proper means of praise and the participants of praise!
* Worshippers are encouraged to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
* We are to use various musical instruments to help in worshipping, as a signal in war, to herald news, a call to assembly, etc.
* Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD!

**Psalms 150; 1 Chronicles 16:4; Colossians 3:16; Leviticus 25:9; Joshua 6:4–9, 20; Joel 2:1; 2 Samuel 6:15; 1 Samuel 13:3; 1 Kings 1:34; Jeremiah 4:5**

**Upcoming Events**

Calvary’s Angel Tree, please return all gifts with name tags to Sis. Adams by December 8th.

2025 Calendar Planning Meeting after service, December 8th.

Union at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 411 E. Crane Ave., Friday, December 27 at 7 PM, Saturday, December 28 at 10 AM, and Sunday, December 29 at 11 AM.

**Thought for the Week**: God is able to take the mess of our past and turn it into a message for His glory!