

Be Patient, Established, and Steadfast
James 5:7-12

I. Patienceô an encouragement

A. The Coming Fruit 7-8

The Farmer's Patience is related to God's program of the seasons and issues a precious fruit. Patience will bear a precious fruit for the coming of the Lord.

B. The Coming Judge 9

The coming judge will judge sins of speech and bring them under condemnation. The judge near!

II. Patienceô an example

A. The Coming Fulfillment 10-11

The coming end (purpose or fulfillment) is that to which the Lord is working and he will do so with compassion and mercy to those who have endured.

B. The Coming Judgment 12

The Coming Judgment of sins of speech and the use of oaths in order to deceive.

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Sunday	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service Fellowship Meal
Tuesday	10:30 A.M.	LadiesøBible Study
Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	Reading Calvin

Visitors: *We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for church officers will be open from January 31 until February 7. Nomination forms will be made available as the date draws closer but you are asked to begin prayerfully considering men who you believe should be considered for either the office of Deacon or Elder. A great way to begin this process would be to spend some time in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Join us for worship and a fellowship meal this evening at 5 p.m. We will sing hymns, pray, and hear God's Word. We meet in the Fellowship Hall so please come in the back doors.

The church has received as a gift a defibrillator in hopes that we never have to use it! however, if it is needed we need people in the congregation who would be willing to learn how to use it. Even though it is pretty intuitive, we believe members will feel more comfortable with it if there is some training. To this end Dr. Maxwell Kwaku will be giving a 10 min introduction on how to use it following the morning service. We will meet in the classroom next to the Pastor's office.

The password for the member's page on our web site is ðknxö. The link to the page is on the bottom of the front page of the website.

Mark Your Calendar: ðThe Women's Ministry Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, for an eight week study of 1 Peter. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. each week at the church in the Olivet Sunday school classroom, Contact Hazel Hebert if you have questions."

The date for the Spring Bible Conference has been set for March 18-20. This year Rev. Todd Pruitt will be our speaker.

Please take a look at the literature rack in the narthex. We have added a number of new books, which along with the old ones, are provided for your use personally or as outreach literature.

Reading Calvin is a Wednesday morning men's group that meets to discuss sections of Calvin's institutes, slowly making our way through the four books. We meet at Drake Reality at 7:00 a.m. we invite you join us as we discuss good theology. Email the pastor if you are interested in being added to those that receive the reading assignment. Also, the institutes can be read online.

Dr. Maxwell Kawku and Harry Lundgaard were elected to our board of trustees in our December congregational meeting.

For the next few weeks we will include some of the helpful comments from the Book of Church Order concerning Church Officers.

Chapter 7 – Church Officers

1. Under the New Testament, our Lord at first collected His people out of different nations, and united them to the household of faith by the ministry of extraordinary officers who received extraordinary gifts of the Spirit and who were agents by whom God completed His revelation to His Church. Such officers and gifts related to new revelation have no successors since God completed His revelation at the conclusion of the Apostolic Age.
2. The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are elders and deacons. Within the class of elder are the two orders of teaching elders and ruling elders. The elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as teaching elders. The office of deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, these offices are open to men only.
3. No one who holds office in the Church ought to usurp authority therein, or receive any official titles of spiritual preeminence, except such as are employed in the Scriptures.