

The Weeping Rich

James 5:1-6

- I. The Lessons from the Damned. 1
 - A. Weepers and Howlers

 - B. Weeping and Howling

- II. The Lifestyle of the Rich and Infamous. 2-6
 - A. Wealth for Wealth's Sake - hoarding

 - B. Wealth at the Expense of Others - theft

 - C. Wealth as a Means to Pleasure - self-indulgence

 - D. Wealth by the Dehumanization of Others - murder

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.	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service
Tuesday	6:00 P.M.	Men's First Tuesday
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

Join us for worship at 5 p.m. every Sunday. We sing hymns, pray, and hear God's Word. We meet in the Fellowship Hall so please come in the back doors.

The Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study will begin again on Tuesday, January 12, for an eight week study of 1 Peter. We will meet each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the church in the Olivet Sunday school classroom. Contact Hazel Hebert if you have questions.

Men, you are invited to join us this Tuesday at TGI Fridays at 6:00 p.m. We meet as men to encourage the practice of talking about things that matter most—we seek to cultivate a fellowship where talking about the things of God is the norm. The discussion this week will be on the subject of prayer and its place in our lives and the life of our church. A room is reserved and you are welcome to order a meal, a snack, or just a beverage. Friday's provides the room at no cost and you eat and drink at your own expense.

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. and we would be glad to have you join us as we discuss good theology.

As you pray please also remember:

- Joel Swearingen—MTW, Church Planting
- New Harvest Missions & Nathaniel Adawonu
- Fifth Street Ladies who are with child.
- Our Church, Presbytery, and Denomination
- Redeemer PCA, Amarillo
- An awaking in our church to our calling to reach the lost and disciple the saved.

Some Principles of Public Worship

Help from the Book of Church Order

- Since the Holy Scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice, the principles of public worship must be derived from the Bible, and from no other source. The Scriptures forbid the worshipping of God by images, or in any other way not appointed in His Word, and requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word.
- A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present in public worship not only by virtue of the Divine omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).
- The end of public worship is the glory of God. His people should engage in all its several parts with an eye single to His glory. Public worship has as its aim the building of Christ's Church by the perfecting of the saints and the addition to its membership of such as are being saved—all to the glory of God. Through public worship on the Lord's day Christians should learn to serve God all the days of the week in their every activity, remembering, whether they eat or drink, or whatever they do, to do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).
- Public worship is Christian when the worshippers recognize that Christ is the Mediator by whom alone they can come unto God, when they honor Christ as the head of the Church, who rules over public worship, and when their worship is an expression of their faith in Christ and of their love for Him.
- Public worship must be performed in spirit and in truth. Externalism and hypocrisy stand condemned. The forms of public worship have value only when they serve to express the inner reverence of the worshipper and his sincere devotion to the true and living God. And only those whose hearts have been renewed by the Holy Spirit are capable of such reverence and devotion.
- It behooves God's people not only to come into His presence with a deep sense of awe at the thought of His perfect holiness and their own exceeding sinfulness, but also to enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.