

Prayer Requests

- Harvest's worship, evangelism, discipleship, elders, teachers, parents; the class on the church and unity about what the church is and does
- Remodeling the new building
- The church around the world, the PCA, our Presbytery, our children, our visitors, our community, our country, the world.
- National morality, elections, mainline churches, seminaries
- Celestin's work and family
- MTW, SAT-7, MERF, ITEM, Gideons, Brent Kooi in Japan, Gospel for Asia, and other world mission works
- The persecuted church and the church in troubled areas: Iraq, Zimbabwe, Georgia, Israel, Iran, Russia, Congo, India, China, North Korea, etc.
- Wilma Nibbelink – praise for digestive and mobility improvement, pray for more!
- The Hitchcocks— grief over father/grandfather's death, blessing for their trip
- Matt and Rebecca Van Essendelft – expecting any day now, Rebecca's lingering cold
- Carla Van Essendelft (sister-in-law) – pregnant, (has had three consecutive miscarriages)
- Adam and Kim Doughan – expecting, end of June
- Robin—God's grace, mercy, and peace for everyone involved
- Gary Vander Plaats's dissertation – answering "the 15 questions"
- The Rowenhorst Family—Randy's falls increasing, subsequent injuries
- Jonathan Vander Plaats –in Africa on mercy mission
- Marlo and Darlene in Arizona
- Ron De Groot – work, physical and spiritual progress, Christian friends, fighting depression
- Todd Mouw—that God would keep him safe through hard things in his life
- Loren Mulder—recovering from surgery to repair neck vertebrae
- Michele Christy—condition and treatment more difficult than anticipated
- High School Seniors

Harvest Community Church

at Prayer

the midweek meeting, 11 Mar 2009

Devotional

Psalm 33:1-9

Singing

Psalm 33:1-9

PRAYER

Doxology

Psalm 33:1-9 (ESV)

- ¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
²Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
⁴For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
⁵He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.
⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

This is only the second time in the psalter that a psalm appears without title. Psalm 10 was the first, and this one like that one is probably a continuation of or an elaboration upon the preceding psalm.

vv1-3, Psalm 33 may not have been written by David, but it is definitely the expression of where Psalm 32 was going. Psalm 32 declared the joy of those who are counted righteous and then made righteous by God. And now Psalm 33 tells such people what to do in their joy: shout for joy in Yahweh! Praise Him! Give thanks to Him! Make melody to Him! Sing to Him!

vv4-5, the word of Yahweh is the theme of the rest of this section of the Psalm. His word is the expression of His character, and it is the engine in all of His work. vv4-5 identify His character and work as upright, faithful, just, and mercy-full (i.e. full of steadfast love!).

vv6-9, And where is this first to be seen? The creation. God's wise, right, good, faithful, loving creation as the immediate work of His word is a revelation, a putting-on-display of who He is. There is much more at stake in verbal, six-day creation than settling scientific curiosities. v9 implies—I would even say 'insists'—that the immediacy of verbal creation is essential to our seeing in creation itself the very attributes of God. And this immediate, verbal creation is the basis for v8's call for the entire creation to worship and honor Him.

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Ye Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice

PSALM 33

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James McGranahan, 1840-1907

1 Ye right-eous, in the Lord re-joice; 'Tis come-ly that with joy-ful voice
2 For up-right is Je-ho-vah's word, And all the do-ings of the Lord
3 Je-ho-vah speaks, the heavens ap-pear; He breathes, and, lo, each shin-ing sphere

God's saints His Name should praise. With harp and hymn of glad-ness sing,
In jus-tice have their birth. In judg-ment and in deeds of right
In splen-dor stands ar-rayed. He rolls the wat-ers heap on heap,

Your gift of sweet-est mu-sic bring, To Him a new song raise.
The Lord for-ev-er takes de-light, His good-ness fills the earth.
He stores a-way the might-y deep In gar-ners for it made.

- 4 Let all the earth Jehovah fear,
Let all that dwell both far and near
In awe before Him stand;
For, lo, He spake and it was done,
And all, with sovereign power begun,
Stood fast at His command.