

## 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, universities, mainline churches, seminaries
- Celestin's work and family
- MTW, SAT-7, MERF, ITEM, Gideons, 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 – making improvement every day, rehabbing at Indian Hills
- 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)
- Alethea Fedders' brother, Brad – home, recovering from car wreck, shattered tibia
- Adam and Kim Doughan – expecting, end of June
- Robin—God's grace, mercy, and peace for everyone involved, depositions this week
- Gary Vander Plaats's dissertation – ready to defend!
- The Rowenhorst Family—Randy's falls increasing, subsequent injuries
- Jonathan Vander Plaats –in Africa on mercy mission
- Vander Harts—choir trip to Arizona
- Marlo and Darlene in Arizona
- Ron De Groot – looking for work, physical and spiritual progress, Christian friends

# Harvest Community Church

## *at Prayer*

the midweek meeting, 18 Mar 2009

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Devotional

Psalm 33:10-22

Singing

Psalm 115

# PRAYER

Doxology

## Psalm 33:10-22 (ESV)

- <sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.
- <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;  
<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.
- <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.
- <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
- <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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Man's purposes determine nothing, but God's purposes are always fulfilled (vv10-11).  
v12 is identifying a specific nation by Yahweh's choosing to enter relationship with them and make them His heritage. That nation is Israel, the true one of which is the church.

Why is the church so blessed? Because God's absolute rule over the universe (v10-11) is exercised in perfect knowledge (vv13-15), perfect power (v16-17), and perfect love (v18)?

What, then, could we possibly fear (v19)?

Therefore, our security is sure (v20b), and our joy is full (v21a).

Those who have such hope *in God*, both request it from and express it to God in prayer (v22). Which is exactly what we are doing tonight!

## Psalm 115

(same tune as "For the Beauty of the Earth")

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| 1 | <i>Not to us, LORD, not to us,<br/>But to Your name glory give,<br/>For Your steadfast love and grace,<br/>For Your cov'nant faithfulness.</i> | 9  | Is-ra-el, trust in the LORD<br>He's their help and He's<br>their shield!  |
| 2 | <i>Why should heathen nations say,<br/>"Where now is their mighty God?"</i>  | 10 | Aaron's house, trust in the LORD<br>He's their help and He's<br>their shield!   |
| 3 | But our God in heaven is;<br>He does all that pleases Him;   | 11 | Who the LORD fear, trust the LORD<br>He's their help and He's<br>their shield!  |
| 4 | Their gods are of silver, gold,<br>Fashioned by the hands of men:  | 12 | As the LORD has thought of us,<br>Mindful still, He'll bless us now,<br>He will bless all Isr'el's house;<br>He will bless all Aaron's house; |
| 5 | They have mouths but<br>do not speak;<br>They have eyes but do not see;  | 13 | He'll bless all who fear the LORD<br>Whether they be small or great.  |
| 6 | They have ears but do not hear,<br>Noses have but do not smell;  | 14 | May the LORD so add to you<br>That your numbers will abound.<br>And as generations pass<br>May your children still increase.                  |
| 7 | They have hands but<br>do not touch;<br>They have feet but do not walk;<br>In their throat they<br>make no sound.                              | 15 | Bless-ed be you of the LORD,<br>He Who made the heav'n<br>and earth.  |
| 8 | Such, all who them make or trust.  |    |   |
|   |  | 16 | Heav'ns are heavens of the LORD,<br>Earth He's giv'n to sons of men.  |
|   |  | 17 | Dead ones will not praise<br>the LORD,<br>Nor those bound for silent graves.  |
|   |  | 18 | But we'll bless the LORD<br>henceforth,<br>Evermore. O praise the LORD!   |