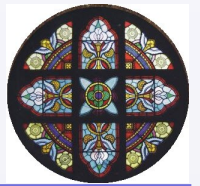


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**Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind
come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.**

~ James 1:2 ~



I Believe In The Rain

Emily — Houston, Texas — August 10, 2010



When it rains and you can hear the sound of the rain on your window, you can't help but relax. The sound of the rain drip dropping on your drains and window sills outside is one of the most calming noises I know. Some people sleep with noise makers and there is a setting that is made to sound like rain, but I think it is nothing compared to the real sound of rain. I believe in the true sound of rain.

There are sayings where people say that when it rains God is crying. I think that sometimes it is true. When you are going through a hard time, God is showing that he understands why you are sad. I also believe that it rains because God is happy. When it rains, God is helping the Earth. He is replenishing our land, giving life to our plants and animals. On days when it rains and something saddening is happening such as a loss of a loved one, I think that God is crying of joy because that person is joining him in a better place. I believe that the rain can show God's emotions.

I believe rain is one of the things that everyone can relate to. I believe that

I believe in the refreshing sense of life when it rains. I believe in the soothing sounds rain makes. I believe in the way the rain is vital for the Earth's growth. I believe in the way God sends the rain to replenish our Earth. I believe in the way that no matter where you are, somewhere, it's raining. I believe in how rain can change your mood.

No matter what movie you watch or book you read, most likely in an intense, climatic moment in the plot, it's usually raining. In the famous love story *The Notebook*, when Noah and Allie fall back into love and are together for the first time it is pouring down raining. Rain can show sorrow, loss, happiness, romance, and joy just to name a few. I believe that rain can stimulate a situation. Without rain, our world would be barren. Plants would die and we would have almost no water on the Earth. The water cycle wouldn't occur. The lakes, oceans, and rivers would be empty, erosion wouldn't occur, and there wouldn't be variations in elevation. I believe that without rain, there would be little or no life on Earth.





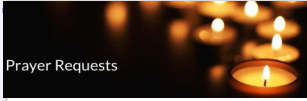
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

Fritz Wainwright, Eleanor Hathaway, Jean Miller, Joseph Celkupa,
Polly's son-in-law Donald & her daughter Ava who has entered hospice,
Heidi Bonwell's father Robert, Sheila Zier's daughter Brittany,
For Carol Shore, her brother Dean and her husband Steve
Chris Vitale's father Fred
Jack Harkins, Bea Ashmore, Jerrie Glass, & Alice Garman
For Heidi's friend Jerry who underwent surgery this week
For Michelle's Aunt Mary

God's comfort:

Carol Shore's family on the passing of her nephew Mike Troy
For Betsy and her son, Alex. Alex has entered hospice and is nearing the end
[For the people of Ukraine](#)

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

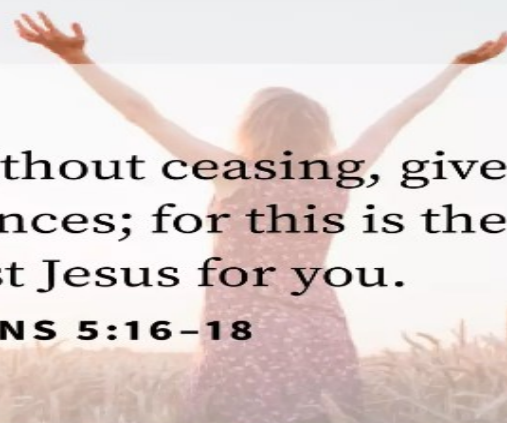
Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev
For Pastor Inna & our Session
For our confirmation candidates Ethan, Victor, and Vaughn

In thanks and praise to God:

For much needed rain
For Alex on a miracle recovery

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Prresbyterian Women will hold their monthly Bible Study on Tuesday, May 2nd at 12:30 pm in the Christian Education Building.





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Inna Moment



The Good Shepherd by Julien Dupre (1851-1910)

The Good Shepherd by Julien Dupre represents not only the visual but also the soulful embodiment of Psalm 23. The picture echoes the psalm's opening line "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." We are safe. We are and we will be cared for. We know this because our Good Shepherd's presence creates a spiritual enclosure of tenderness, peace, comfort, and safety.

Starting in the mid-19th century, images of women agricultural workers became a popular subject in the art of painting. "Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the 'good shepherd.' Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff and the one who tends the flock." (Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library)

William Blake, from Songs of Innocence and of Experience (1789-1794)

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day,
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lambs' innocent call,
And he hears the ewes' tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace,
For they know when their shepherd is nigh.



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Video Volunteer Required!

For the Sundays of July 23rd and July 30th. I need a volunteer to fill in for video duties on these Sundays. The chosen person will be trained absolutely free of charge in all of the skills and processes to prepare and stream the Sunday service for those weeks.

Jane and I will be away celebrating the 28th anniversary of our nuptials, and we are hopeful that someone can assist us be covering our streaming ministry these two weekends.

Please contact me directly at rickcheslo@gmail.com to indicate your interest to support out video ministry and provide relief to myself. I will provide full training to any volunteer. It is really not as difficult as it my look.

Please advise me of your willingness to pitch in at your earliest opportunity. Thank you for your support!



Saturday May 6th!

Craft Fair! Hoagies Sale!

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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**Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University
Westminster Choir College**

**Presents
In Graduate Recital
Austin Beaver**

Piano

**Sunday, March 26, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Gill Chapel, Rider University**

*Austin Beaver is a candidate for the degree Master of Music in Piano Performance
Austin Beaver is a student of Dr. James Goldsworthy*

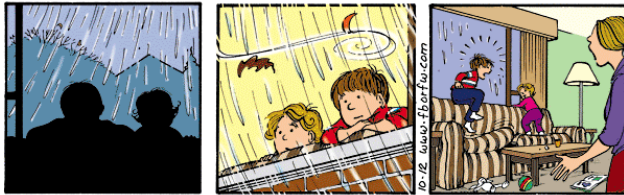
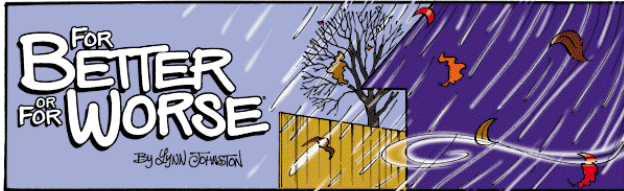
**If you were not able to attend Austin's recital on March 26th, or if you would enjoy taking it in one more time as I have, then you are in luck!
Austin's performance was recorded and posted on YouTube.**

You may view it by clicking this link: <https://youtu.be/k-dg1BpPTX8>





Rainy Days



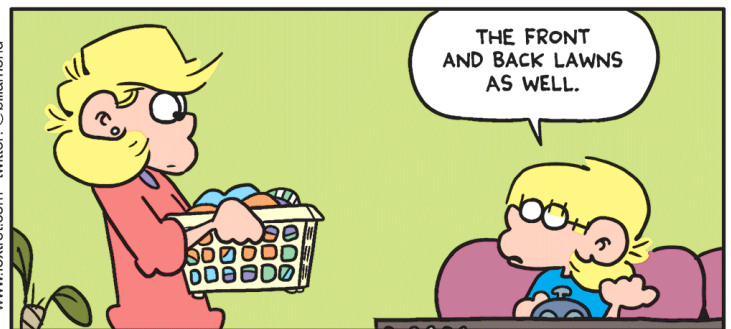
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