



# St. James Presbyterian Church

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# LIVING A LIFE OF GRATITUDE

Psalm 118

Sermon by Pastor Fernando del Rosario, St. James Presbyterian Church, Nov 28, 2021

## Living a life of gratitude...

- **Giving thanks is ALL of us (vv. 1-4)**
- **Crying to the LORD (5-9)**
- **The LORD protects and gives victory (10-12)**
- **Rejoice. Be confident. Go and tell what God has done. (14-21)**
- **The Cornerstone saves (22-25)**
- **Confess and give thanks (26-29)**

## Psalm 118:1-4, NLT

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.**

**Let all Israel repeat:**

**“His faithful love endures forever.”**

**Let Aaron’s descendants, the priests, repeat:**

**“His faithful love endures forever.”**

**Let all who fear the Lord repeat:**

**“His faithful love endures forever.”**

*God deserves ALL of us to give thanks to Him.*

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## Psalm 118:5-9, NLT

In my distress I prayed (cried) to the Lord,  
and the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.

What can mere people do to me?

Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me.  
I will look in triumph at those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in people.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

*Got problems? Go to God. Cry to Him.  
He hears, understands, and will act for you.*

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## Psalm 118:10-13, NLT

Though hostile nations surrounded me,  
I destroyed them all with the authority of the Lord.

Yes, they surrounded and attacked me,  
but I destroyed them all  
with the authority of the Lord.

They swarmed around me like bees;  
they blazed against me like a crackling fire.

But I destroyed them all  
with the authority of the Lord.

My enemies did their best to kill me,  
but the Lord rescued me.

*God promised to protect and give victory.*

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## Psalm 118:14-16, NLT

**The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has given me victory.**

**Songs of joy and victory are sung  
in the camp of the godly.**

**The strong right arm of the Lord  
has done glorious things!**

**The strong right arm of the Lord  
is raised in triumph.**

**The strong right arm of the Lord  
has done glorious things!**

*Be confident. Rejoice! God is victorious!*



## Psalm 118:17-21, NLT

I will not die; instead, I will live  
to tell what the Lord has done.

The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not let me die.

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
and I will go in and thank the Lord.

These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,  
and the godly enter there.

I thank you for answering my prayer  
and giving me victory!

*Worried, fearful? Nothing is bigger than God.  
God is in control. Enter His gates with joy.*

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## Psalm 118:22-25, NLT

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is wonderful to see.**

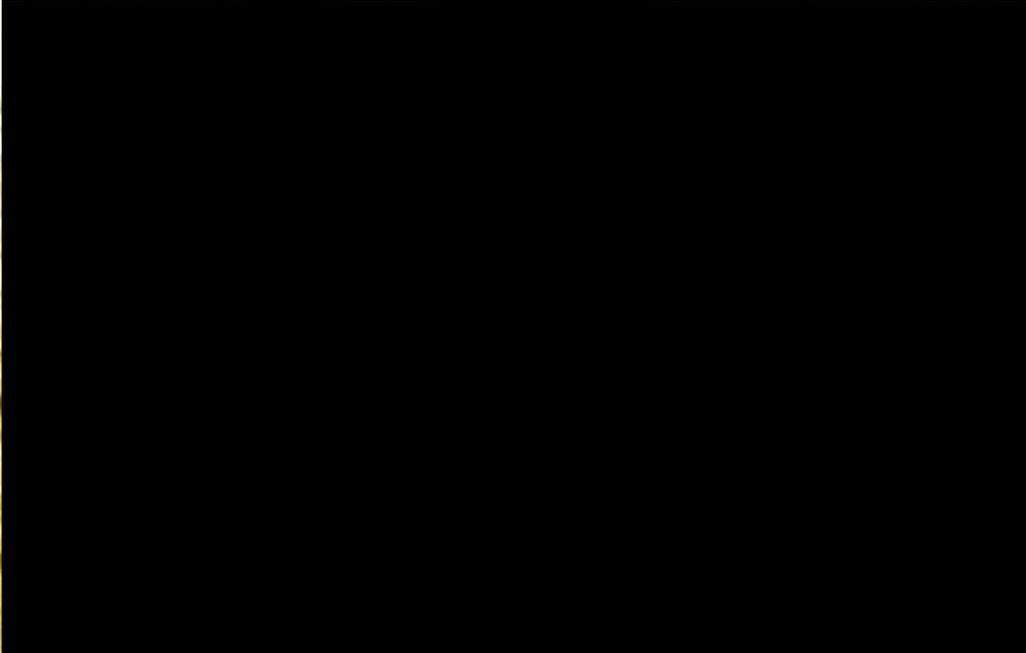
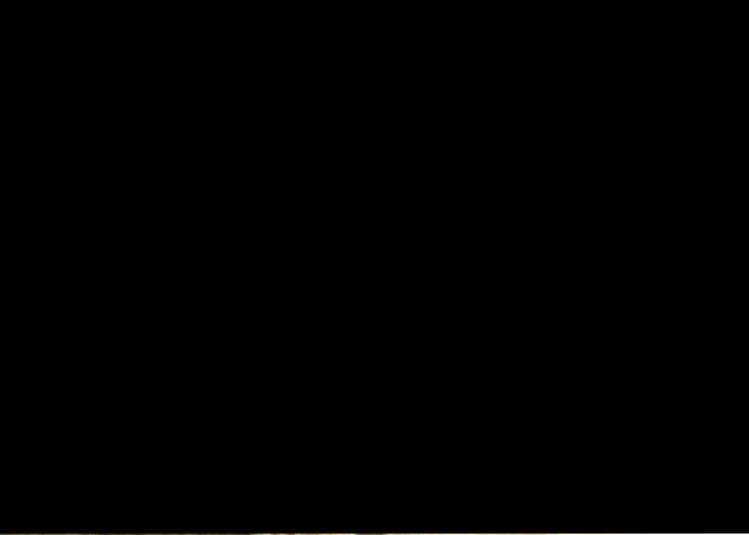
**This is the day the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Please, Lord, please save us.**

**Please, Lord, please give us success.**

*Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone and sure foundation!*



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- “You are my God” and give thanks (26-29)

## Psalm 118:28-29, NLT

**You are my God, and I will praise you!**

**You are my God, and I will exalt you!**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

**His faithful love endures forever.**

*“You are my God.”*

*Thank you, from my heart.*

# How to practice gratitude...

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Value others above yourself. Find out how you can help them do better. *Philippians 2:3-4*

Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Humbly share the words of God. *James 1:19-21*

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. *Colossians 3:12-14*

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