BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 12, 2021 at 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	David Schmidt
Piano	Wendy Baldwin
Guitar	Steve Budnack

Announcements

Lighting of 3^{rd} candle signifying the shepherd's abiding in the field Luke 2:8-9, 15b Prayer

Carol 90, 286 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee' 'Once in Royal David's City' Scripture – Psalm 44 (opposite page)

Pastoral Prayer

Carol 245, 256 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' 'Love Has Come!'

Message TURNING BACK FOR THE RIGHT REASONS

Rev. Cal VanderMey Acts 14:21-28

Benediction Postlude

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Precept Bible study will be starting "Job" on January 11th for 8 weeks via ZOOM Tues. at 6:30pm. Email Wendy Baldwin at wlabaldwin@gmail.com No Wednesday - Ladies Bible study 10am with Becky Shearer Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 – 7:40pm Thursday - Precept Bible study at 8:30am- Margaret Was on Malachi

MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

The offering box is in the back of the sanctuary

Redemption Remembered in Present Dishonor To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. 44 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, in days of old: ²You drove out the nations with Your hand, but them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. ³For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them. ⁴You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. ⁵Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. ⁶For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me. ⁷ But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us. ⁸ In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever. Selah ⁹But You have cast *us* off and put us to shame, And You do not go out with our armies. ¹⁰ You make us turn back from the enemy, And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. ¹¹You have given us up like sheep *intended* for food, And have scattered us among the nations. ¹² You sell Your people for *next to* nothing, And are not enriched by selling them. ¹³ You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and a derision to those all around us. ¹⁴ You make us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples. ¹⁵ My dishonor *is* continually before me, And the shame of my face has covered me, ¹⁶ Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the enemy and the avenger. ¹⁷ All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant. ¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way; ¹⁹But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. ²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God,

Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹ Would not God search this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
²² Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
²³ Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?
Arise! Do not cast *us* off forever.
²⁴ Why do You hide Your face,
And forget our affliction and our oppression?
²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Our body clings to the ground.
²⁶ Arise for our help, and redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

Acts 14:20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, (confirming the souls of the disciples KJV), exhorting *them* to continue in the faith,

and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

²³ So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

²⁵ Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

²⁷ Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.