

OPENING DEVOTION/PRAYER

Let us join together in hearing these words from Psalm 46. Verses 1-5, 10-11

1-5: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

10-11: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Presbyterians come to disaster preparedness and recovery ministry through our understanding of Scripture and our theological perspective that affirm the church having a special concern for the poor, the powerless, and those most vulnerable. Therefore as a congregation, we are called to continue operating as a viable worshipping and functioning community throughout times of disaster and chaos; preparation is essential for that to be possible.

Please join me in prayer that is adapted from the Book of Common Worship:
Notice the word or phrase that stands out for you today.

Come, O Holy Spirit.
Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves
to be your servants to the world. Amen.