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II. Main Argument

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1. People

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1. Worshiping Community

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III. Conclusion

1. ¹Sure - ly God is good to Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are pure.
 2. ⁴For 'til death they have no strug - gles; they are health - y, fit, and strong—
 3. ⁷How their eyes bulge out with plen - ty, how their hearts spew fool - ish - ness.
 4. ¹⁰So their peo - ple, blind - ly turn - ing, drink the wa - ters of their lie;
 5. ¹³All in vain, I kept my heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.

²As for me, my steps were slip - ping, and my foot - hold was un - sure.
⁵un - dis - turbed by woes and trou - bles, as to hu - man life be - long.
 • ⁸They de - ride and speak with mal - ice; bold, they threat - en to op - press.
¹¹say - ing, “How can God con - trol us? Are we known to God Most High?”
¹⁴All day long your plagues af - flict me, morn - ing brings new pun - ish - ment.

³For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, as I saw them live se - cure.
⁶Ar - ro - gance be - comes their neck - lace, vi - lence is the cloak they don.
 • ⁹For their mouths de - fy the heav - ens, and their tongues the earth pos - sess.
¹²Thus the wick - ed grow in rich - es, al - ways care - free they a - bide.
¹⁵If I spoke thus, then your chil - dren would have suf - fered great of - fense.

6. When I tried to understand this, it was wearisome to me,
 Till I came into God's temple and discerned their destiny.
 For on slipp'ry ground you place them, and you make their end complete.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 360....“When in His Might, the Lord” (Ps. 126)

*THE INVOCATION

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Second Corinthians 7

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & ADORATIONPastor Ryan Biese

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 73....“Surely God Is Good to Israel” (p. 4)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGEzra 2

THE SERMONPastor Ryan Biese
 “Worship Above All” | p. ###

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 539.....“Jerusalem the Golden”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSEPsalm 72:18-19

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
 For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
 And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
 The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The Next “Over Sixties” Lunch will be December 9 at 11:00 a.m. A musical program will follow. Please RSVP to Diana Bowers or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.
- The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be November 20 at 6:30 p.m. A Stated Session meeting will follow; there will be no other midweek activities on that date.