



Pastor Message  
*Ellen Gurnon*

Dear Members and Friends,

This new grandmother is excited for the new Horizons Bible Study:

***What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.***

Horizons describes the study, as follows:

“Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?”

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.”

We have ordered 16 books this year, hoping for more women to join from Westminster and First Presbyterian. We will begin in September, and I will have to ask us to move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>; I hope this works for everyone.

I look forward to an interesting and inspiring study!

Grace and peace,

Ellen



## LECTIONARY

### August 1st

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a  
Psalm 51:1–12  
Ephesians 4:1–16  
John 6:24–35

### August 8<sup>th</sup>

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25–5:2  
John 6:35, 41–51

### August 15<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15–20  
John 6:51–58

### August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10–20  
John 6:56–69


### August 29<sup>th</sup>

Song of Solomon 2:8–13  
Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9  
James 1:17–27  
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

## Calendar


### August 1st

Worship Service  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
**9:15 a.m.**

 [Livestream Worship Service](#)  
**10:45 a.m.**


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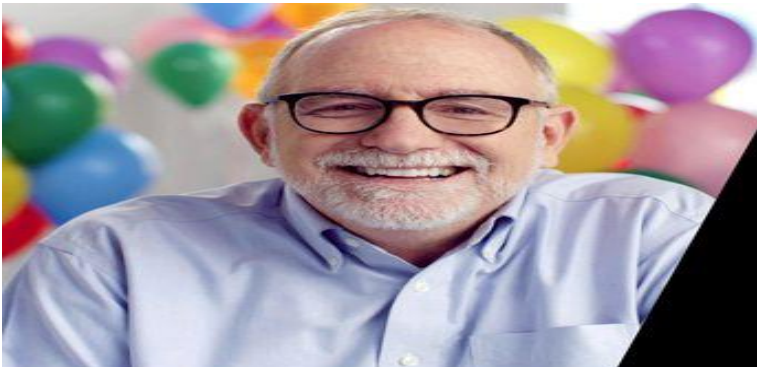
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## Westminster Chimes

August 2021

<b>Allen Lane</b>	<b>August 9</b>
<b>Sheila Pruitt</b>	<b>August 15</b>
<b>Doyle Privett</b>	<b>August 26</b>
<b>John Coleman</b>	<b>August 29</b>



**LIVE IN  
GRACE  
WALK IN  
LOVE**

*Devotional by Author Bob Goff*

THERE'S A LOT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. THERE'S MORE TO BE HOPEFUL FOR.

I don't watch a lot of TV. I think the real world is way more interesting. But because I have several friends who work for the US government, and I serve as the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Uganda to the US, I need to stay up on things.

I'll be honest, though—watching the news can be a real grind. It can make a person think everything is doom and gloom and that nothing good happens ever. I guess that's good for ratings. But the sad truth is, throughout the world, every day something devastating is happening. A country overrun by war, a community crushed by a mass shooting, a person targeted for a hate crime. Still, I believe God is at work to put an end to this suffering.

Sure, there's a lot to be concerned about, but we have even more reasons to be hopeful.

Here's why: Jesus said His kingdom wasn't of this world. He said evil would win for a while, but that His kingdom of love would have the last word. And He said those of us who follow Him will be the ones who are laying the groundwork for His return. We'll be the runners who sprint ahead with the good news of what's coming.

Don't believe the people who tell you there's no hope. It's everywhere. It's like the smell in the air right before the rains come. We have hope because we trust in the God who sits above every conflict. We bring hope when we choose to fix our eyes on Jesus rather than on all the distractions around us.

Next time you hear bad news, ask yourself how you can be hope in the midst of it.