



Welcome family ! Living in the North Pennines as we do, we are used to seeing sheep all around us in the fields and even on the roads too. In fact the other day when we were out walking two appeared on the road from a nearby field but thankfully they seemed to know the way back and, once through the fence, trotted happily along inside the field. Which brings us to today's theme - Fear Not Little Flock. It's a vivid metaphor used by Jesus for us, so there is much we can learn. However to start us off we're going to pick up last week's theme of being lights in the darkness by joining in with the first worship song. It might be new to some of you, but you'll soon pick it up.

<https://youtu.be/Cg2We2iK7og?t=27>
<https://youtu.be/dtj-G1gKnD8>
<https://youtu.be/oAaQ5EEXidc?t=20>

City on a Hill - Nick & Becky Drake
Here for You - Matt Redman
Hosanna (Praise is Rising) - Paul Baloche

When doing some reading for today I came across this little video from a series called Look at the Book by John Piper. It was so clear and vivid, as well as being an aid in our own meditations, that I include it here.

<https://youtu.be/tX28Vg9cxM>

Fear not little Flock - meditation by John Piper

So, thanks to John Piper we can see the richness in this *single* sentence - how our faith is grounded in the One who is our Shepherd, King and Father who is amazingly generous and wants us to receive and experience, in all its fullness, His Kingdom.

- Take time now to thank Him out loud for everything and anything that comes to mind that He has given you. You can all do it at once and make a joyful noise or take turns about.
- Is there something you sense is missing in your experience of God and His Kingdom? Perhaps you lack peace? or are afraid? or you long for more of His power to be visible in your life? Take time now to quietly ask Him, for it is His *good pleasure* to give.
- Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Pray for specific people or places you know about and pray for them that they will truly know that they are His little flock and they need not fear no matter what terrors they are facing. Give thanks for them that they are willing to suffer and be persecuted for the Name of Jesus and pray that they will have supernatural strength and peace.

We close our service with a rousing praise song by Godfrey Birtill. Sing it as a declaration for yourself and especially for those who are being persecuted at this time.

<https://youtu.be/8OSVFI3FzU4>

Fear not O little flock - Godfrey Birtill

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace

TWO Additional activities for kids of ALL ages! Keep reading ! and AT THE VERY END an OUTTAKE!!

- Colouring in can be a very calming and relaxing activity. Why not colour in this encouraging verse from Scripture. See the following attachment
- Why not make some bunting with the names of our church family written on the back as a reminder to pray? Print out the following sheets and write the church names in coloured pen or pencil on the back . Punch a hole in each then lace through a long piece of ribbon or yarn and hang up. Or hang up as a mobile - you could use a small branch. See the following attachment

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Luke 12:32













