

Parkman Congregational Church

November 23, 2025

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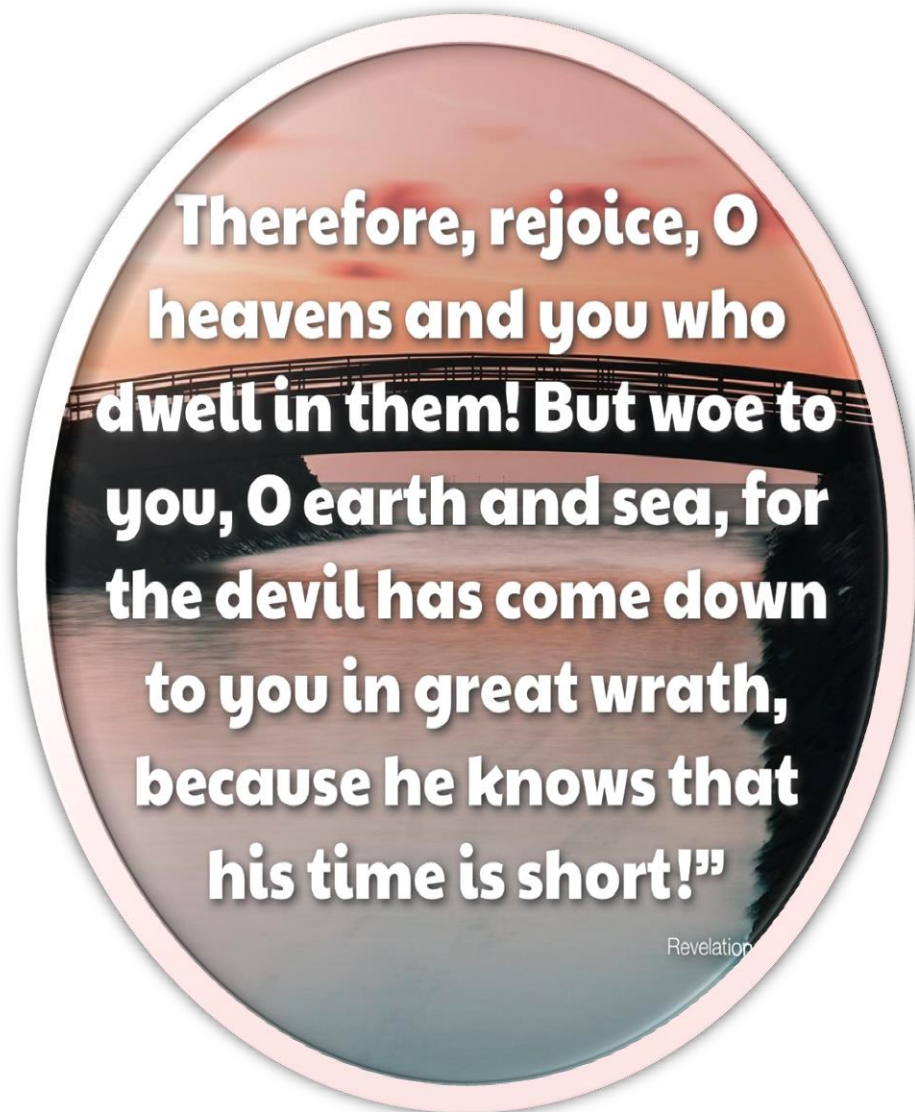


SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30am

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00pm

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Shoe Box Collection Day Hanging of the Greens & Lunch Evening Service, 7:00 pm
Monday, November 24	Elder's Meeting, 7:00pm
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 29	AA, 8:30pm
Sunday, November 30	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Advent Begins Family Sunday Evening Service, 7:00pm



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Sproul penned in his commentary; Matthew tells us: **He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed** (v. 39a). From time to time in the Gospel narratives, we see people who ran to Jesus, imploring Him or thanking Him, and they fell on their faces before Him in subjection to honor Him (Luke 5:12; 17:6).

Peter, James, and John fell on their faces when the Father spoke from heaven at the transfiguration (Matt. 17:6). However, this is the only time in all of Scripture when we read of Jesus falling on His face, prostrating Himself in the lowest form of humility before His Father.

In that posture, He prayed, **“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”** (v. 39b). Every word He uttered was vital. He began with a heartfelt address: “O My Father.” Then He asked, “If it is possible. . .” This plea came from Jesus’ human nature. His divine nature is omniscient, for it shares all of the attributes of deity. God knows all things as well as all possibilities, all contingencies. He does not have to wait to see what transpires on earth in order to learn an outcome. There is no if in the vocabulary of God. But this was Jesus’ human nature speaking. The human nature does not have omniscience. It does not know everything that is possible and not possible. Jesus’ human nature was staggering in the face of what was coming, so He asked: “O My Father, is it possible? Is there another way We can do this?”

His hope, if it was possible, was that the Father would “let this cup pass from Me.” He was not referring to the cup of sadness, sorrow, and distress. The image of the cup in biblical terms, in Old Testament terms, has to do with the wrath of God. The cup of God’s judgment on human sin was being set before the Son of God. Jesus was crying: “O Father, is there any other way? I’ll go to the cross. I’ll lay down My life. I’ll pour out My blood. I can handle the cross. I can take the wrath of the Romans. I can take the wrath of the leaders of the Sanhedrin. But do I have to be utterly exposed to Your unmitigated wrath against the sin of Your people?”

But Jesus was not finished. He prayed, “nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” He was saying: “Father, with every fiber of My being, I shrink away from that cup. I do not want to drink it. But there is one thing that would be even worse, and that would be to fail to do Your will. If it is Your will that I drink this cup, if there is no other way to do it, then give Me the cup, and I’ll drink it to the last drop.”

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Scripture of the Month: Matthew 26:39

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

— Matthew 26:39



Not God's plan for my life
But my life for God's plan
Not God's vision for our church
But our church for God's Vision

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Centerpiece Making

Evergreen Center Piece Making in the Church Social Hall

Wednesday December 3rd at 6:00 pm

Please bring accent pieces for your centerpiece or to share along with containers. If you have any Fresh Evergreens please bring them.

We will need help gathering greens: We need White Pine, Holly, Box Wood, Hemlock and Arborvitae

Everyone is Welcome!



We will be having a Family Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 am -11:00 am. Join us to celebrate the Christmas season and spending quality time & fellowship with our church family