

Title: **Pause**
Text: **Psalm 46**
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Big Idea

One of the simple but significant ways we can experience peace and joy in the midst of adversity, difficulties and anxiety is to be still before God.

1. The P_____ We F_____ in This Life & World (vv. 2b-3, 6a)

(cf. 2 Kings 18-19)

- The Perils of N_____ (vv.2b-3)

- The Perils of P_____ (v.6a)

2. The P_____ We F_____ in God Alone (vv. 1, 4-9, 11)

(cf. John 16:33, Genesis 2:10, Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 7:37-39)

- The P_____ of God (vv. 1, 7b, 11b)
(cf. Psalm 121, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, John 10:28-29)

- The P_____ of God (vv. 6b, 8-9)
(cf. Genesis 1:3, Mark 3:5, 4:35-41, Job 42:2)

- The P_____ of God (vv. 1b, 5, 7a, 11a)
(cf. Matthew 28:20)

3. The I_____ of P_____ (v. 10)

(cf. Exodus 20:8, Matthew 6:25-34)

- Pausing to R_____ God (v. 10a)
- Pausing to G_____ God (v. 10b)



Reflection Questions

- What are some things in your life (this past year or as you look ahead to the new year) which are sources of anxiety, fear or worry?
- What or who do you typically turn to in moments of anxiety or fear?
- Why can it be difficult for you to pause and "be still" these days? What things keep you feeling busy, anxious, fearful or "on the go" all the time?
- In what areas of your life do you need to know (or remember) that God is sovereign and He is with you?
- As you look back on this past year, in what ways have you seen God's grace, mercy and goodness to you (and our church) -- even through difficulties and challenges? Who can you share this with as a way to glorify God?
- As you look ahead to the new year, what are some ways you can practically pause, remember and know God (more) -- to grow in faith, community and mission?

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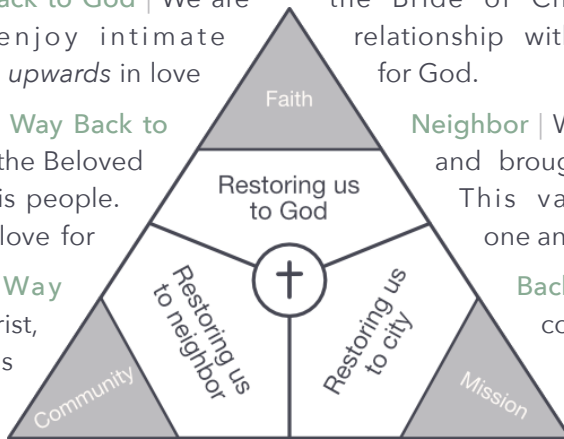
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

Mercy Hill's Week of Prayer - January 5-12!

The church is always called to be praying and seeking God together, but sometimes it is good to set aside special time to do so. That's what we have made a habit of doing during the first week of every new year. This year the first Sunday in January is the 5th, so our Week of Prayer will span from January 5th to the 12th. Please mark your calendars and plan to dive into this with us. We're excited to see what our God will do!

For more info about what the week will entail, scan the QR code below.

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