

The God of Refuge

Wylie United Methodist Church

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Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4-9... 10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

When trouble comes...

1. GOD IS OUR EVER-PRESENT REFUGE

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

With God as our refuge...

2. WE NEVER HAVE TO FEAR

Psalm 46:1-3

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2 THEREFORE we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 34:4

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear ...

We never have to fear because...

3. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US AND FOR US

Psalm 46:10-11

10 "Be still, and know that I am God..." 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Isaiah 43:1,5

1 ... this is what the Lord says — ... "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you"...

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Psalm 139:1-4, 7, 13-14

1 O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. 5-6... 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8-12... 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.