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***“Come, let us sing unto the Lord
new songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by Him are done,
His hand and arm have vict’ry won!”***

Psalm 98 – Associate Presbyterian *Psalter*

Please pray that God would graciously meet us as we seek Him in worship tomorrow. Pray especially for His blessing and power upon the preaching of the Word.

In our **Morning Worship**, Pastor Hollister will bring a sermon from John 21:15-23 entitled, **“King Jesus.”**

[*Sermon outline attached in pdf]

Adult Class: Pastor Hollister teaches: *“Living in the Psalms”*
We will consider part 2 of Psalm 19.

In our **Evening Worship**, Pastor Hollister will bring a sermon from 1 Kings 17:7-16 entitled, **“God Chooses the Things which Are Not!”**

“King Jesus”
John 21:15-23

Jesus Christ alone is the King and Head of the Church.

1. Jesus Alone Calls Shepherds into Service

vv. 15-17

(1) The Vital Qualification: Love to Jesus!

*“Simon, son of Jonah,
do you love Me?”*

-1- Jesus perfects love in His own

-2- Jesus alone assesses the quality of this love

(2) The Chief Responsibility: Shepherding the Flock! *“Feed My lambs... Tend My sheep...
...Feed My sheep.”*

-1- The Shepherd-Elder’s Labor

2. Jesus Alone Determines the Course of One’s Life and Service

(1) Applied to Peter: Jesus’ Prophecy and Command vv. 18-19

-1- Jesus sanctifies His servant: From self-sufficiency to total dependency!

-2- Jesus would enable and empower Peter for service unto death!

-3- The path toward such supreme sacrifice in service: daily obedience! *“Follow Me!”*

(2) Pressed home to Peter vv. 20-22

-1- Peter “pries!”

“But Lord, what about this man?”

-2- A needed rebuke

“If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?”

- Did Peter have a special “in” with Jesus, as compared with the other Apostles? No!
- Peter’s place, though prominent, was not superior to that of the other Apostles!

-2- The Shepherd-Elder's Authority

[1] Ministerial and Declarative

- Ministering the Word of God
- Preaching and teaching the revealed will of God: The whole counsel of God

In matters not revealed, the undershepherd has no authority to dictate or interfere!

[2] Moral or Spiritual: "The power of the keys"

- cf. civil government: "The power of the sword"
- parental government: "The power of the rod"

-3- The Needed focus

"You follow Me!"

Further Application