

I discovered this prayer as I was using the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship/Daily Prayers*. The irony is that 350 years after he died, his prayer ends up in the prayer book of those who in his lifetime he stood against. Maybe his prayer for his time has finally been answered and maybe someday ours will be too!

Thanks be to God.

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P.S. As always, I invite your comments and observations.

P.S.S There is a link below for PDA and for responding to the disaster in the mid-west.

P.S.S.S. As did several other ministers, Maynard Pittendreigh gave a helpful sermon, *The World Did Not End Yesterday at 6:00pm*, to put the recent last days/rapture conversation in perspective. He researched the promoters' explanation for the date (it really is farfetched), explored the roots of dispensationalist theology which is where this kind of belief is promulgated, and examined what Presbyterians and most of the church down through the ages have affirmed. To read or listen to Rev. Pittendreigh's sermon, go to the [Chapel by the Sea web site](#) and find the May 22 sermon.

... Click logo to go to The Presbytery web site:



... The PCUSA Mission Yearbook:



Please add these concerns to your personal prayer list.

Please continue to pray for:

Becky Beckwith (wife of Committee on Ministry Chair Jim Beckwith) as she continues to receive treatment for cancer

Rev. Bob Rea

Pastors and Educators in transition

Those affected by natural disasters in the United States

Nations in crisis

Please also keep in your prayers:

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Misión Peniel

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

CONGREGATION OF THE WEEK:

May 29	Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, Sarasota Bruce Wismer, Co-Pastor pastors@pineshorespres.org Karen Wismer, Co-Pastor Karen@pineshorespres.org
June 5	Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Sarasota Mike Mansperger, Pastor covenant.presbyterian@comcast.net
June 12	Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota Kathi Wiggins, Pastor pastork@comcast.net
June 19	Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church, Sarasota Jane Jones-Norris, Temporary Supply jonesnorris507@tampabay.rr.com
June 26	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice Chuck Wiggins, Pastor pastorcjw49@yahoo.com
July 3	Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice Chris Romig, Pastor cromig@venicepresbyterian.org Ruffin Stepp, Associate Pastor rstepp@venicepresbyterian.org Lyn Olson, Associate Pastor lolson@venicepresbyterian.org

To read about the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, [click here](#). **Situation Report Update**

U.S. Spring Storms

May 23, 2011

Tornadoes ripped through more United States towns this past weekend, including Joplin, Missouri, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since spring began, there have already been 18 federally declared major disasters in 14 states due to severe storms, tornadoes, or flooding.

Today PDA has been in contact with Synod Executive Nancy Kahaian of the Synod of Mid-America and the acting general presbyter for John Calvin Presbytery, which serves southeastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri, where the massive tornado struck Sunday, May 22. Kahaian has been in touch with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations in the area. At least one Presbyterian Church was damaged, and some members of the denomination are among the many families who have lost their homes. In addition to homes, the community has suffered major damage to public structures, including schools, fire stations and a hospital. Both triage centers and emergency shelters filled quickly, reports the Associated Press.



PDA National Response Team members have been requested in Missouri and are en route to the affected area. [TO READ MORE GO TO THIS LINK](#). All money sent to Peace River Presbytery will be forwarded directly to PDA.



LAST CALL - Register for 2011 Big Tent - 'Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide'

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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The articles below may interest you. I have found some of them in my reading, and others have been passed on to me. *Just click on the underlined phrases.*

[Too much judgment](#)

The New Republic: The media's shameful, cruel obsession with those awaiting the rapture.

Associated Press: [Preacher says Saturday was a 'spiritual' Judgment Day, world will actually end in October](#)

[The joy of ministry](#)

A Peculiar Prophet: All Christian leadership begins in God's determination to have a people in motion helping God retake God's world.

[Montreal Jewish festival aims to change Le Mood](#)

National Post (Toronto): Claiming "This ain't your father's religion," festival aims to rebrand Judaism for a young Jewish population increasingly alienated from traditional Jewish norms.

[Church of Scotland votes on gay ministers](#)

BBC: The Church of Scotland has voted to allow the possible selection of gay and lesbian ministers in the future.

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR (for more details, go to www.peaceriverpresbytery.org)

MAY, 2011

26th
Stated Meeting at Vanderbilt, Naples

30th
Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE, 2011

7th
Mission/Vision Guide Team

8th
Committee on Preparation for Ministry

9th
Board of Trustees
Nominations – conference call

14th
Committee on Ministry

16th
Mission and Justice
Personnel – conference call

21st
Evangelism and Church Development, at Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

23rd
Council
Sexual Misconduct Prevention Workshop, at Chapel by the Sea, Fort Myers Beach