

# The Lord's Day

December 31, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations...He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth."  
-Isaiah 42:1, 4 (ESV)

Prelude Nina Kendrick, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 886) [John 1:9-14](#)

\* Hymn 196 [Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus](#) HYFRYDOL

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 479) [Psalm 62:1-12](#)  
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 980) [Philippians 2:1-11](#)

Hymn (insert) *There Is a Redeemer* arr. M. Green

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 188 [Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting](#) TRANQUILLITY

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\* Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Gentle Justice* Pastor Brad Evans  
Text: [Isaiah 42:1-4](#) (Bible, p. 602)

\* Hymn 198 [Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!](#) TRURO

\* Benediction

Postlude

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;  
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,

The first system of the song is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son; 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; 3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,

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Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - ly One. Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain. There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

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Thank you, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: Thank you, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and

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leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

Words and music by Melody Green

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

December 31, 2023

Worship Leader: Doug Fox  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: David Embree  
Ushers: Jeff Edwards  
Audio: Timothy Owens  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Toni Kirk, Dee Volkert  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up: Fox Shepherding Group  
Evening Audio:

January 7, 2024

Worship Leader: John Sundet  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict  
Ushers: Walter Mayo  
Audio:  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Danielle Bolliger, Amy Bassett  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group  
Evening Audio:

## This Week at Church

Monday	2:00 PM	Open House at the Quiet Corner Farmhouse
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	12:30 PM	Secret Sister Reveal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### NEW YEARS DAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE QUIET CORNER FARMHOUSE IN LEBANON

Reviving a long-standing tradition in the church in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church, the Fox family will be hosting an Open House on New Years Day from 2:00 PM to 8 PM at 818 Goshen Hill Road in Lebanon, CT 06249.

There will be opportunities for watching Football games, playing board games, playing ping pong and indoor Corn Hole at the Farmhouse. Please come and join in the fun and plan to bring some dish or dessert or beverage to share and enjoy the fellowship. Reach out to Doug and Sharon with any questions 860.712.8696.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 7<sup>th</sup>). We will hear reports on various ministries of the church and hear a report on the 2024 budget. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

#### DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

There are currently 2 men's discipleship groups who are open to new members. They both meet on Wednesdays, one at 6:00 AM and the other at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, or being part of a new group forming, please contact Pastor Will.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Dated offering envelopes for 2024 are now available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. For those who have had envelopes in the past please look for your name on the box. It will have the same number envelopes you had this year. There are un-labeled boxes for anyone who hasn't used the offering envelopes but would like to start. For those new to using the envelopes please put your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year. Thanks! Statements for 2023 will be mailed out in January.

### MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. This will be the only Recharge in December.

Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142) or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

### THANK YOU'S!

Dear Church Family,

With all my heart, I wish to thank all of you for the very generous Christmas gift! Thank you for allowing me to serve you in worship during the past year. It has brought me great joy! I pray that by God's grace I may continue to use my musical gifts in a way that edifies, encourages, and leads you into worship.

Sincerely,  
Carol Jones

Dear PCC Congregation,

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the gift that you gave to each of us as staff and servant-leaders. It was both thoughtful and generous. It is a blessing to be a part of the PCC community and to serve alongside each of you for the sake of Christ and his gospel. May your kindness and loving hearts be reflected in all of our worship and ministry as the body of Christ.

Sincerely,  
PCC Staff

To PCC Church Family & Friends-

Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas Gift. It's a true honor to serve at PCC as your Treasurer and in the Lawncare Maintenance roles at PCC and Coventry House. Thank you for your kind generosity, it is truly appreciated.

Jeff Hofmann

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YTD Offerings as of 12/24/23: \$439,877.72

YTD Budget: \$459,158

Behind Budget: \$19,281

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY WITH MIDWEEK RECHARGE

For a couple of years we have been holding Midweek Recharge (MWR) twice a month, which has included a full dinner, a devotional, corporate prayer, and at times ministry for children and youth. Currently, Collin and Julia Robinson have been overseeing the most demanding work which is planning and preparing the dinner. They have done an excellent job and several members have also provided support. Though I have had oversight of the Midweek Recharge ministry, (which has included set up, devotionals, and planning), I am looking for someone to be the point person for this ministry. I am happy to work with them, help equip them, and provide appropriate oversight. We would love for this ministry to continue, and even grow. But there is need for oversight and leadership. Duties would include:

- Plan and schedule the dates for Midweek Recharge.
- Work with the Robinsons in the planning of dinner.
- Scheduling men in the church to lead the devotional and prayer time (several men, including myself, along with certain elders and deacons have often led in this way and will be happy to continue).
- Work with others to set up the fellowship hall.

MWR has been a great ministry, and we desire for it to continue. If you're interested in providing servant-leadership in the above role, please see Pastor Will. Thank you!