

# The Lord's Day

January 14, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."  
-Isaiah 61:4 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

- \* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 96](#)

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,

**His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**He is to be feared above all gods.**

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

**Tremble before him, all the earth!**

- \* Hymn 302 [Come, Christians, Join to Sing](#) MADRID

- \* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 480) [Psalm 64:1-10](#)  
(responsive & continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 911) [Acts 3:17-21](#)

Hymn 642 [Be Thou My Vision](#) SLANE

- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

- \* Assurance of Pardon

- \* Hymn 497 [I Need Thee, Precious Jesus](#) MEIRIONYDD

- \*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

- \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

- \* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Return to Me* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [Zechariah 1:1-6](#) (Bible, p. 793)

- \* Hymn 246 [Man of Sorrows! What a Name](#)  
HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

- \* Benediction

Postlude

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*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.

## Shepherding Groups, 12:00 PM:

All Shepherding Groups will meet today after the morning worship service. There will be no evening service tonight.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### January 14, 2024

**Worship Leader:** Sterling Harmon  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** Howard Craig  
**Nursery:** Rachel Embree, JulieAnne Edwards  
*10:30 (Worship)*  
**Toddler Time:**  
  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Harmon Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening:** *Shepherding Groups-  
No Evening Service*

### January 21, 2024

**Worship Leader:** Scott Warren  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Scott Bolliger  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Nursery:** Colleen Millett, Sierra Hilinski  
*10:30 (Worship)*  
**Toddler Time:**  
  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Harmon Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening:** *An Evening of Musical Worship  
at 6:00 PM*

## This Week at Church

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
Saturday		<b>Presbytery Meeting</b>
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class
	12:30 PM	Secret Sister Reveal
	6:00 PM	An Evening of Musical Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### AN EVENING OF MUSICAL WORSHIP

Let's get together for an evening of worship! We'll sing and play a variety of music together, **Sunday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 PM.** Everyone is welcome to attend, this is a great time to bring a friend too. Any musicians who would like to bring some music, please reach out to Abe ([abemillett@protonmail.com](mailto:abemillett@protonmail.com), or (860) 458-8047). Let's bring our gifts to the Lord, and may they be a pleasing aroma!

#### LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

On **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**, we're having a Tea & Testimony at the church. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the clipboard on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Consider bringing a light snack to share. Babysitting will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Ohlund or Debbie Goodale. This tea will be open to teens in high school.

#### 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.

### SQUARE DANCE AT PCC!

Snow is on the ground and winter is upon us!  
It's time to plan a warm and fun gathering for our church community!

We're having a **Square Dance in the Fellowship Hall!**

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

The dance will be called by Rich Sbardella (a good friend of Amy Bassett's)

We encourage everyone to attend! Invite family and friends too!  
There will be drinks and cookies.

We would love to have two people in the nursery to play with young children. Kids ages 5 and up may participate!

Please reach out to Colleen Millett or Amy Bassett with any questions. Thanks!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### 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.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A Wednesday afternoon Bible study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. We are studying 1-2 Corinthians.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office (860) 742-7222.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The next women's **in-person** Bible study will meet on **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the church.** We will continue our study of Romans. All are welcome. Please contact Debbie Goodale if you have questions.

The next women's **Zoom** Bible study will be on **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM.** We will continue studying the book of Mark. Please contact Elizabeth Koopman ([e.koopman61@gmail.com](mailto:e.koopman61@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

### 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 a 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!

## *Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*

### *Return to Me*

Zechariah 1:1-6

**Main Preaching Point:** Since God has saved you by his grace live a life of repentance, knowing that even in the midst of discouragement the Lord draws near to those who love Him.

- “Repent and turn to me”: A New Direction We Must Face
- “Do not be like your fathers”: An Old Error/Sin We Must Avoid
- “I will return to you, says the LORD”: A Timeless Truth We Must Believe

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 1:1-6

Title: Return to Me

**Questions:**

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

**“Repent and turn to me”: A New Direction We Must Face**

2. According to the sermon what is the larger context of the book of Zechariah? Provide some of the events in Israel's history prior to Zechariah's call. What part does exile play? When was the exile and when was the return to Judea?

3. Read v.1-3. According to the sermon the larger picture and environment that God's people find themselves in is one of discouragement. Why were they discouraged? How might Zechariah's opening words come as a surprise?

- Why was the LORD angry with their fathers? What did the sin of their fathers result in? How does this apply to us today? Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Discuss.

4. What does it mean in v.3, “return to me...”? How does this apply to the notion of repentance? Read Mark 1:14-15. How is repentance part of the good news of the gospel? Explain.

**“Do not be like your fathers”: An Old Error/Sin We Must Avoid**

5. Read v.4. What is the LORD through the prophet telling the people? Who is he referring to?

- Read Isaiah 45:22 and Jeremiah 18:11.
- In what ways have you not (or perhaps, are you not) listening and responding to the Word of the LORD? Discuss and describe the characteristics of a life that is being lived in response to God's Word? Where do you need to respond?

**“I will return to you, says the LORD”: A Timeless Truth We Must Believe**

6. Read v.5-6. Fathers, Prophets, and Preachers come and go. But what is it that endures forever?

- Read Hebrews 4:12-13. Relate.

7. Though Zechariah's message is heavy and hard, how does it open the door to encouragement?

8. According to the sermon how does Zechariah point us to the Lord Jesus Christ? How does it reveal the good news?