

The Lord's Day

January 21, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem." -Zechariah 1:17 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 463) [Psalm 34:1-3](#)
(responsive reading)

* Hymn 677 [Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!](#) ACCLAIM

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 480) [Psalm 65:1-13](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 982) [Philippians 4:4-7](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) [My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness](#)
arr. Getty/Townend

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDT

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Longing for the Peace of God: The Vision of the Horseman*
Text: [Zechariah 1:7-17](#) (Bible, p. 793)
Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 691 [It Is Well with My Soul](#) VILLE DU HAVRE

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

* Hymn 94 [How Firm a Foundation](#) FOUNDATION

* Benediction

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

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.

Communion Reminder: The outside rows on each cup tray contain grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker served is gluten-free.

An Evening of Musical Worship, 6:00 PM:

Let's get together for an evening of musical worship! We'll sing and play a variety of music together. Some hymns out of the book, some solos, some groups, some Psalms, all to the glory of God. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Let's bring our gifts to the Lord, and may they be a pleasing aroma!

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my
 2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -
 3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -

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 pain; who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
 side; who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
 above; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose

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 gave me life a - gain. Who crushed my curse of
 caus - es fears to fly. Whose ev - cry pro - mise
 ev - ery thought is love. For ev - ery day I

10
 sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and
 is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -
 have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So

13
 wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low

16
 1.2. Piano heart. grace.
 3. rit. Him. To love and fol - low Him.
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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 21, 2024

Worship Leader: Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Nursery: Colleen Millett, Sierra Hilinksi
10:30 (Worship)
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group

Evening: *An Evening of Musical Worship
at 6:00 PM*

January 28, 2024

Worship Leader: Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Nursery: Julia Robinson, Sarah Dumas
10:30 (Worship)
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group

Evening:

This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	11:00 AM	Ladies Tea & Testimony
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

On Saturday, January 27th 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 31st at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 7th). 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!

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

Friday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM.

The dance will be called by Rich Sbardella (a good friend of Amy Bassett's). No dance experience is necessary, and you do not need to bring a partner.

We encourage everyone to attend! Invite family and friends too! (Kids ages 5 and up may participate.) There will be drinks and cookies.

We would love to have two people in the nursery to play with young children – please let us know if you would like to serve in that way. Thank you!

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

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.

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 22nd, 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 22nd, at 7:00 PM.** We will continue studying the book of Mark. Please contact Elizabeth Koopman (e.koopman61@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

SPRING SECRET SISTER

Hello, women of PCC!

Will you consider being part of a ministry that has great potential to bless another woman in the church while requiring very little of your time?

Secret Sister is a fun and super EASY way to get to know your sisters at PCC! All that is required is a heart that desires to encourage. You may do so by writing notes, leaving scripture, and/or leaving a small

token or gift. The frequency and mode of the encouragement is totally up to you! In May, we will have a Secret Sister reveal, which will be a fellowship event, likely after church.

We would love to have you participate to bless and be blessed by another woman at PCC!

Please let Amy Bassett know if you are interested. We will start the Spring round of Secret Sisters in mid-February.

Thank you for considering!

-Amy Bassett

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
Longing for the Peace of God: The Vision
of the Horseman

Zechariah 1:7-17

Main Preaching Point: Though God's people will face conflict and discouragement in their life of faith, He has graciously chosen them to know his comforting mercy and divine peace.

- The Darkness of Distress: How long, O LORD?
- The Ministry of Mercy: God's jealousy and your joy
- The Promise of Prosperity: Chosen by God

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 1:7-17

Title: Longing for the Peace of God: The Vision of the Horseman

Questions:

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

The Darkness of Distress: How long, O LORD?

2. Discuss/consider briefly the larger context of Zechariah. When is he ministering? What is the situation in Judea? According to the sermon why are the visions in Zechariah 1-6 so-called 'the night visions'?

3. What was distressing about the circumstances surrounding Zechariah's day? How can we relate to living in a completely different part of the world, different situation, different culture, etc.? Read Ephesians 6:12. How are nations, cultures, governments, potentially influenced by what Paul speaks of in this text? What might this teach us about our kingdom-identity as followers of Christ?

4. Read v.8-11. Describe the overall vision that God gives to Zechariah. What does the presence of horses communicate? What is the scene that is being painted and how does it relate to conflict and battle?

- According to the text and sermon, how can the horsemen say, "we have patrolled the earth and all the earth remains at rest" (v.11)? How does this picture provide an end-time (eschatological) perspective? Why is this important amidst distress? Think of your own life—what gives primary shape to your sense of joy and hope? Is it your present circumstance? Future reality? Discuss.

The Ministry of Mercy: God's jealousy and your joy

5. Given the distressing circumstances for those living under Persian rule and having seen little progress on the temple, the angel accompanying Zechariah asks a question. Read v.12-16. What is the question, how does the Lord respond, and what does this reveal about God's character and ways?

- Discuss some of the implications of God's work of judgment and his work of mercy. What moves him to judge? To show mercy? How do these realities touch on the good news found in Jesus Christ?

The Promise of Prosperity: Chosen by God

6. Read v.16-17. How should this promise (and all the promises of God) help shape my faith and countenance, rather than the immediate circumstance that may confront God's people at a given time? Explain. How might God's word/promises provide a focus amidst distress and discouragement? Read Hebrews 12:1-2.