

The Lord's Day

January 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done."
-Psalm 66:1-5 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 984) [Colossians 2:6-7](#)

* Hymn 286 [Worship Christ, the Risen King!](#) REGENT SQUARE

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 480) [Psalm 66:1-12](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 948) [Romans 12:9-21](#)

Hymn 128 [God Moves in a Mysterious Way](#) DUNDEE

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *We Will Glorify* arr. T. Paris

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Helplessness and a Longing for God's Justice:
The Visions of the Horns and Blacksmiths*
Text: [Zechariah 1:18-21](#) (Bible, p. 793)
Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 689 [Be Still, My Soul](#) FINLANDIA

* Benediction

Postlude

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

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.

*We will not be having our Sunday evening gathering of praise tonight. It will resume next Sunday, February 4th at 6:00 PM.

Songs to God



We Will Glorify 33

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne;
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;

The first system of musical notation for 'We Will Glorify' consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of D major. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
we will wor-ship him in right-eous-ness, we will wor-ship him a - lone.
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes a fermata over the final note of the first line of the second system. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 28, 2024

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

Evening:

February 4, 2024

Worship Leader: Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Nursery: Amy Bassett, Lilly Dumas
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening:

This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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.

DOWNHILL SKI MEET-UP

Date: February 24th

Downhill Ski Meet-up

Location: Mount Southington (396 Mt Vernon Rd, Plantsville, CT)

Time: 9:00 AM, Meet at Mt Southington, upstairs of the Red Barn

Bring your own lunch or food is available for purchase.

All Day Lift cost: \$60

All Day Lift and Rental: \$86

Email Derick Lessard at Derick.Lessard@gmail.com if you and your children will be attending. You'll need to sign a PCC waiver to participate and purchase lift pass/rentals through a link he will provide to get the discounted rate.

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, February 5th, 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, February 5th, 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

Helplessness and a Longing for God's Justice: The Visions of the Horns and Blacksmiths

Zechariah 1:18-21

Main Preaching Point: Though at times God leads his people into deep valley's in which they may feel helpless, He does so that they might be still and see his powerful hand of deliverance.

- The Meaning of the Vision: Disrupted by national powers
- The Significance of the Vision: God's judgment and salvation
 - Helplessness—positioned for grace
 - Unimaginable—opportunity for the miraculous
 - Judgment—vengeance is God's

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 1:18-21

Title: Helplessness and a Longing for God's Justice: The Visions of the Horns and Blacksmiths

Questions:

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

The Meaning of the Vision: Disrupted by national powers

2. Read Zechariah 1:18-19. According to the sermon what do the horns represent? What effect have they had on God's people? Recall the larger context of Zechariah—what period of time is the prophet ministering?

- How do the horns relate to Assyria and Babylon's impact on the northern and southern kingdoms? (see 2 Kings 17:6ff, and ch.25).

3. Read Zechariah 1:20-21. What likely do the craftsmen represent? What do they do to the horns? Explain.

- Read Daniel 2:20-21. Though kings and nations act of their own will, how does the passage in Daniel provide insight as to God's involvement? How should this shape the Christian's view of national power? Discuss.

4. Though God ordains the authority and institution of nations and states, how does Zechariah 1:18-21 reveal the reality of power struggles among nations? And how does the passage prompt a longing for God's justice in the world?

5. Though God's people should seek for justice in the world (Micah 6:8), whose justice? How would you define 'justice'? What is the relationship between civil/social justice and that of one being just before God? What is the relationship between the two?

The Significance of the Vision: God's judgment and salvation

6. Helplessness—positioned for grace. According to the sermon how do those in Zechariah's day, as well as our own, see that the position of feeling helpless can often be the position in which God's grace may be experienced? Explain.

- Read Exodus 14:10-14. Relate.

7. Unimaginable—opportunity for the miraculous. While God's people were in exile, under Babylonian rule, it would have been nearly impossible for them to believe that such a power could be overcome. How does the rise of the Persians and their issuing a decree for God's people to return to Jerusalem reveal that what appears at time unimaginable may be occasion for God to work supernaturally? Discuss.

8. Judgment—vengeance is God's. How does the gospel and a Christian worldview provide remedy to past and present injustices—on both a micro and macro level, that would otherwise never be put to right?

9. How does this passage in Zechariah point us forward to the person and work of Jesus Christ? Discuss.