

The Lord's Day

February 25, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts...For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice."

-Zechariah 4:6, 10 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 99:1-5](#)

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits
enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is
exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established
equity; you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool! Holy
is he!

* Hymn 100 [Holy, Holy, Holy!](#) NICEA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 482) [Psalm 68:19-35](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 886)

[John 1:4-13](#)

Hymn (insert)

As the Deer

arr. M. Nystrom

** Silent Prayer of Confession *

Assurance of Pardon

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

* Hymn 283 [Alleluia! Alleluia!](#)

EBENEZER

Sacrament of Baptism

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *God's Powerful Purposes in the Day of Small Things*

Text: [Zechariah 4:1-14](#) (Bible, p. 794)

Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 646 [Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts](#) QUEBEC

* 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.

Gabriel & Mary Wiley are presenting their daughter, **Joanna Wiley**, for covenant baptism this morning. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 25, 2024

Worship Leader: David Augustine
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Nursery: Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
10:30 (Worship):
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group
Evening: *An Evening of Musical Worship*
at 6:00 PM

March 3, 2024

Worship Leader: John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Nursery: Howard Craig, Shannon Dickson
10:30 (Worship):
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group
Evening:

As the Deer

1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my soul long - eth af - ter
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, e - ven though_ You are a
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly You can sat - is -

Thee. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I
King. I love you more than an - y oth - er, so much
fy. You a - lone are the real joy giv - er, and the

Chorus
long to wor - ship Thee. You a - lone are my
more than an - y - thing.
ap - ple of my eye.

strength and shield; to You a - lone may my spir - it yield.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee. Thee.

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This Week at Church

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

Ladies, please save the date for the next Ladies Tea & Testimony which will be on **March 16th, at 11:00 AM** here at PCC.

JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Please join us for a Maundy Thursday worship service at the **Presbyterian Church of Manchester** (394 Lydall St., Manchester) on **Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM**. Let us enjoy fellowship with our sister churches and worship our precious Savior, Jesus Christ.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, April 7th**, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (**9:30-10:15 AM**). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) or the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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, March 4th, 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, March 4th, at 7:00 PM**. We will continue studying the book of Mark.

Please contact Elizabeth Koopman (e.koopman61@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 PM**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship.

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!

To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement, pink roses, etc. Mostly, I am thankful for your prayers. It is comforting to be in God's hands and knowing He hears your prayers.

In Christ's Love,
Karen Budd

BOTTLED WATER

Please place the empty water containers in the marked, green bin in Fellowship Hall, or the collection bag in the kitchen; our Deacons redeem them. **DO NOT** toss them into the waste baskets about the church or in the kitchen recycling bin. Thank you!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

God's Powerful Purposes in the Day of Small Things

Zechariah 4:1-14

Main Preaching Point: God, in Jesus Christ, has provided his continual presence, powerful Spirit, and enduring Word, so that your life would not be overwhelmed by discouraging circumstances, but by joy in his person and work.

- The Continual Brightness of God—light in dark times
- Resting on the Supply of God's Spirit—God's purposes in confusing times
- Trust in the Word of the LORD—rejoicing in doubtful times

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 4:1-14

Title: God's Powerful Purposes in the Day of Small Things

Questions:

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

The Continual Brightness of God—light in dark times

2. Consider the overall context of Zechariah and his ministry. When did he minister and what was the overall situation surrounding the covenant community? How does it relate to today?

3. Read Zechariah 4:1-3. What is the vision that Zechariah sees? The lampstand imagery points back to the time of the tabernacle and first temple (Exodus 25; 1 Ki.7). What does the lampstand represent? Why was this important for Zechariah's audience? How is it important for us?

- Read Psalm 27:1 and 2 Corinthians 4:6. What does the metaphor of light in Scripture represent?
- There are many things to which people in our surrounding culture are looking for meaning, hope, and life. How does the light/lampstand in Zechariah (and throughout Scripture) reveal something different?

Resting on the Supply of God's Spirit—God's purposes in confusing times

4. Read Zechariah 4:5-7. What is the message that this lampstand communicates? Who is Zerubbabel and what is his task as it pertains to this restoration period?

- What does the 'great mountain' represent and what does it mean that it will become a plain?

5. The main message in these verses comes in those words: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts." If it is Spirit of God that is ultimately going to be the engine behind this rebuilding and restoration, what does it mean (provide examples) to try and rebuild "by might or power"? How might we apply this today? What are the ways that God's people will depend on might or power rather than God's Spirit? Discuss. See also Ephesians 3:16; 5:18; Gal.5:16,18,25.

Trust in the Word of the LORD—rejoicing in doubtful times

6. Read Zechariah 4:8-10. What is the message coming through in these verses? How did their current situation and circumstances appear to be unimpressive? Apply this to the church today.

Discuss how God's work and ways may begin small but in the end be magnificent and glorious? How does this relate to God's Kingdom in Jesus Christ? Read Matthew 13:31-32. What might this teach us about following after Christ?