

The Lord's Day

September 10, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."
-James 5:19-20 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 500) [Psalm 99:1-5](#)

* Hymn 38 [Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#) JOANNA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 473) [Psalm 50:1-23](#)
(responsive & continuous reading)

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

Hymn (insert) *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
arr. M. Papa, M. Boswell, & M. Bleecker

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 629 [What a Friend We Have in Jesus](#) WHAT A FRIEND

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTW

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Ministry of Prayer & Care* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [James 5:13-20](#) (Bible, p. 1013)

* Hymn 359 [Blest Be the Tie that Binds](#) DENNIS

* 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.

Church-Wide Pot Providence, 12:00 PM:

Immediately following morning worship, we will be holding a church-wide pot providence meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay to enjoy a meal with the people of God.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the
 2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - tery; He the per - fect Son of
 3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - tery; Christ the Lord up - on the
 4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - tery; slain by death, the God of

King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in
 Man, In his liv - ing, in his suf - fering, nev - er
 tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the

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frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re -
 Lord, he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

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dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
 A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man, Christ the
 demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold, bring - ing
 liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in

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Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured love un - told!
 pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Ministry of Prayer and Care

James 5:13-20

Main Preaching Point: Since you are united to the body of Christ through God's rescuing grace, devote yourself to the ministry of prayer and care for the church, that God's people would know his restoring mercy.

- **A Praying People**
 - The Individual
 - The Elders
 - The Friend
 - The Prophet
- **A Caring People**
 - Agents of Rescue
 - Atonement

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 5:13-20

Title: The Ministry of Prayer and Care

Questions:

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

A Praying People

2. James began his letter in 1:2-4 calling for endurance. He followed up those words with an exhortation to pray (1:5). Now, coming to the close of the letter he does the same. In 5:7-12 he calls for patient endurance and then follows it in 5:13-18 with an exhortation to prayer. According to the sermon, how many times did James mention patience/endurance in 5:7-12? And how many times does he mention prayer in 5:13-18?

3. What are the four categories of prayer that James identifies in 5:13-18 (see v.13, 14, 16, 17).

- Focus on v.13—the individual at prayer. How does prayer amidst suffering and praise amidst cheer relate to each other? How might this provide a paradigm in thinking about all of life and faith?

4. Read v.14-15—the elders at prayer. What is significant about the elders and oil when it comes to addressing one who is sick? Who initiates this gathering for prayer? What are the two effects of this prayer/oil that James highlights?

- Am I to take James' words—that any person who is prayed over and anointed with oil by the elders will be restored and forgiven? Is this a promise? How might the notion of 'prescription' (i.e. something God-ordained) be helpful?
- In highlighting the role of elders in prayer, how does James elevate the centrality of the local church? (see Titus 1:5)?

5. Read v.16—the friend at prayer. Though illness is not always the result of sin, it can be (see 1 Cor.11:29-30). How does this verse stress the importance of close community life? If one avenue for growth & healing in the Christian life is confessing sin to one another and praying for one another, in what way(s) are you cultivating life-on-life trusted relationships in the body of Christ? Discuss your needs and desires regarding this.

6. Read v.17-18. Why does James mention Elijah? What light might it shed on how God uses common vessels for extraordinary purposes? How might this shape or motivate the life of prayer?

A Caring People

7. Read v.19-20. James' letter is filled with instruction, warnings, and exhortations surrounding trials and hardships, and the need to endure and be patient. Amidst this, people are likely going to stray. What can we learn about James concluding words as it relates to: the importance of the church community in the life of individuals, the believer's call to be other-oriented, the aim addressing the insidiousness of sin, the believer's call to be agents in extending God's saving grace?

8. How do James' words point us to the person and work of the Lord Jesus? How do the characteristics of prayer and care capture the life of the Lord Jesus? Discuss.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 10, 2023

Worship Leader: Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Sierra Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *Church-Wide Pot Providence-
No Evening Service*

September 17, 2023

Worship Leader: Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Colleen Millett, Sarah Dumas
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	11:30 AM	Ribbon Cutting & Picnic for Playground
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class
	12:00 PM	Discipleship & Women's Advocacy Informational Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

RIBBON CUTTING AND PICNIC FOR THE PLAYGROUND!

We will gather by our church's new playground @ **11:30 AM on Saturday, Sept 16th** for a ribbon cutting and celebratory picnic!! All are invited! Pack a lunch, bring a blanket, and join us for the fun! Thank you to those who helped make this project a reality! Our prayer is that this space be a blessing to our children - may it deepen friendships and provide many opportunities for fellowship.

BIBLE OVERVIEW CLASS

A Bible Overview class, taught by John Sundet, will begin next **Sunday (September 17)** as an adult elective during the Sunday School hour, meeting in the room next to the church office. It is offered by sign-up—there is a clipboard on the back table of Fellowship Hall.

The class will run through December 17th, covering roughly the first half of the Bible, then resume on January 7th, 2024 and continue to May 5th. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Snyder or John Sundet.

PCC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **September 17th** after worship, all church members, families, and regular attendees are encouraged to join in the sanctuary for a fairly

brief informational meeting about two different ministries at PCC-- the Discipleship Group Ministry and Women's Advocacy Ministry. Thanks for your consideration in attending.
Pastor Will

PCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

RESERVE YOUR SEATS: PCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, Saturday, September 30th at A Villa Louisa in Bolton, CT. Cost is \$10 per person, adults and children. Doors open at 5:00 PM. There will be presentations, special guests and a delicious buffet (including vegetarian and gluten-free choices). Registration envelopes and a drop box are in the back of the fellowship hall. Seating is limited!

LOCAL CT HIKE: RAGGED MOUNTAIN LOOP

Date: **October 14, 2023 (Rain or Shine!)**
Start Time: **1:00 PM** Start Location: **437 West Lane Berlin, CT**
Hike: 5.6 miles with 834' elevation gain Average completion time: 2.5 hours Parental supervision required for kids under 18
Text/call Derick Lessard: 860-810-9585 if you plan on attending.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, October 22nd**, 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

The Wednesday Bible Study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the

church office: (860) 742-7222. Along with fellowship, Pastor Will is facilitating a study using the book by J. Gresham Machen called *Christianity and Liberalism*. Attendees are encouraged to obtain the book but if you need help or assistance please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com).

SECRET SISTER PROGRAM

Reminder: We are starting a Secret Sister program this fall to help encourage community and build relationships among the women of PCC. If you would like to participate, please email Amy Bassett (asmithbassettnm@gmail.com) or text (773.339.8050). Blank questionnaires are in the Associate Pastor's office and need to be completed by **September 17th**. Names will be randomly drawn to match Secret Sisters.

WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Women's Zoom Bible study will start up again on **September 18th**, meeting every other week from **7pm-8pm**. We will continue studying the book of Mark. Please contact Elizabeth Koopman with any questions and for the Zoom link.

RUF LARGE GROUP MUSIC HELP

David needs a couple musicians to help out with the first large group **Sep. 20th from 7-8:30 PM on UCONN's campus** (practice at 6:30pm on the same day). Currently looking for people who could play bass or cajon. Music style will be Indelible Grace or adjacent and song choices will be sent out a week in advance. If you are interested, contact David at david.augustine@ruf.org

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **September 27th**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. For those who would like to contribute meals, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall with a list of needs for the upcoming meeting. 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.