

The Lord's Day

September 17, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...all that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."
-John 6:35, 37 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 503) [Psalm 105:1-3](#)

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

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 474) [Psalm 51:1-19](#)
(responsive & continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 907) [John 20:30-31](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 706 [Jesus Lives, and So Do I](#) JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Reception of New Members

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *I Am the Bread of Life* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [John 6:22-40](#)(Bible, p. 891)

* Hymn 421 [Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness](#) SCHMÜCKE DICH

* Confession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Hymnal, p. 845

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn (insert) *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*
arr. S. McCracken & J. Moore

* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new members this morning: **Brian and Elaine Wasicki.**

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.

PCC Informational Meeting:

Following morning 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.

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Our Sunday evening worship service starts at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come sing, pray, and hear from God's Word to close out your Lord's Day rest.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

3 hearts re - stored. He has done good things we will say to - ge - ther.

6 We will feast and weep no more.

9 Verse

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our
2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my soul be not a -
3. Ev-ery vow we've bro - ken and betrayed, You are the faith - ful

13 God we are not con - sumed by the flood. Up -
fraid for the pro-mised morn - ing, O how long, O
one, and_ from the gar - den to the grave, bind

16 held pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
God fo Ja - cob be my strength.
us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

I Am the Bread of Life

John 6:22-40

Main Preaching Point: Though the world seeks to satisfy its hunger through earthly bread, Christ has come to change the desires of the heart that you may know the true bread of life.

- The Bread the World Seeks—living for the *useful* and missing the *glorious*
- Christ Came to Change Our Desires—a new sense of the heart
- The Bread Christ Offers—in union with the Eternal One

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: John 6:22-40

Title: I Am the Bread of Life

Questions:

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

The Bread the World Seeks—living for the *useful* and missing the *glorious*

2. What is significant about Jesus' self-identification with the words "I am"? Read Exodus 3:13-14. What is meant by the language of "I Am"? Discuss.

3. Read John 6:22-26. What are the crowds after and why? What had Jesus done in v.1-15?

- Focus on v.26. What does it reveal about Christ that though people are pursuing him that he would confront and challenge them? Read Matthew 7:21-23. Discuss.

4. What are the people wanting? How does it relate to the notions of pragmatism, utility, and usefulness? What is dangerous about living one's life primarily aimed at the pragmatic and the fulfillment of natural appetites? Discuss.

Christ Came to Change Our Desires—a new sense of the heart

5. Read v.25-29. How is Jesus challenging the crowd & Jews in these words? How does Jesus weave in the concept of "belief"? How is believing both a work of God as well as the end (in a sense) of our work/labor? Discuss.

6. Discuss the danger & potential consequences of seeking satisfaction in the things that Christ provides and not in Christ himself.

The Bread Christ Offers—in union with the Eternal One

7. Read v.35-40. How does Jesus identify himself? According to the sermon what does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life? What do people do with bread? And how is that connected to Jesus' claim to *be bread*, and what people are to do with Christ? Explain.

- Read v.47-51 and discuss.

8. St. Augustine: "You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised...You awaken man to take joy in praising you, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." (Confessions, Bk.1, Ch.1). Discuss potential ways that your heart is restless. How might it be related to what Christ provides or the circumstances he ordains, vs. the person of Christ himself.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

September 24, 2023

Worship Leader: Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Julie Anne Edwards, Roxy Lessard
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

LAST SUNDAY TO REGISTER FOR BANQUET

TODAY, 9/17, is the last Sunday to register for the PCC 50th Anniversary Banquet (Saturday, September 30th at A Villa Louisa in Bolton, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM). Sign-up envelopes are in the back of the fellowship hall – the cost is \$10 per attendee. The banquet hall is requiring an early headcount, and we want to be good stewards and order the right amount of food. There will not be an opportunity to pay at the door. If the registration fee is too much for your family right now, some scholarships provided by other church members are available. Please register and indicate “seeking scholarship”. In addition to delicious food, there will be music, special guests, and presentations. Let's all join together and celebrate God's faithfulness to us, past, present, and future!

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.

CARING FAMILIES' WALK FOR LIFE

Caring Families is looking for groups of youth to walk in the Walk for Life on **October 14th**. Here is how to get your youth/teen group registered for this year's walk.

1. Have Your Youth or Teen Group Leader sign up to walk online at <https://givebutter.com/lovesaveslives2023>
2. Teen or Youth Group Leaders (You) will choose **Presbyterian Church of Coventry** when registering. (teams are already created on the site for each church you just have to select from the list of teams on there)
3. Once registered, Michaela will connect with you directly to gather your team's roster and information.
4. Youth and Teen Group Leaders will share **their Church Team's site link** with their students and encourage them to send it out to their friends and family so they can donate towards your goal.
 - a. **Your Church's Link** is <https://givebutter.com/lovesaveslives2023/presbyterian-church-of-coventry-1>
5. The Group with the most participants and the group with the most money raised will receive free walk t-shirts for their entire team. Questions about the walk ask Sue Willis.

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

SECRET SISTER REMINDER

This is a gentle reminder that **TODAY** is your deadline to sign up for PCC Secret Sister! This is a very low-commitment way to get to

know your sisters in the church. All that is required is a heart to encourage and get to know your sisters in Christ. Your level of participation is totally up to you. Some ideas for participation is to write an encouraging note, bring a small token or gift, and pray for your Secret Sister. We will have a casual reveal gathering in early December.

If you are interested, please let Amy Bassett know ASAP. You will also need to complete an "About Me" Questionnaire and turn it in to Amy. We will have a labeled mailbox system in the Associate Pastor's office for you to distribute your notes/gifts as you wish. Your completed Secret Sister's questionnaire will be stored in the file folder in the Associate Pastor's office.

If you have any questions, reach out to Amy: 773.339.8050; email: asmithbassettnm@gmail.com

NURSERY DIRECTOR NEEDED

For the past ten years I have had the privilege of serving as the PCC Nursery Director. I have made the decision to step down from this leadership position at the end of this year. We are in need of someone to take on this role. Some of the duties include: making the monthly schedule, working with Deacon Craig on the Child Protection Training, purchasing items, recruiting volunteers, and ensuring the overall safety of the nursery and the children who use it. I am happy to answer any questions and help train anyone who takes on this role.

Anita Hilinski doggroom21@cs.com or (860)716-4370

WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Zoom Bible study will start up again on **September 18th**, meeting every other week from **7:00 PM-8:00 PM**. We will continue studying the book of Mark.

Please contact Elizabeth Koopman with any questions and for the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

The Women's in-person Romans Bible study is resuming Monday, **September 18th** from **6:30 – 8:00 PM** at the church. All are welcome. Please contact Debbie Goodale if you have questions.