

# The Lord's Day

September 1, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

-Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 498) [Psalm 93:1-2](#)

\* Hymn 64 [God, the Lord, a King Remaineth](#) REGENT SQUARE

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Isaiah 52:7-10](#)

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains,  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;

Together they sing for joy;  
and see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,

You waste places of Jerusalem,  
For the LORD has comforted his people;

The LORD has bared his holy arm,  
before the eyes of all the nations,

And all the ends of the earth shall see  
The salvation of our God.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 995) [2 Timothy 1:15-18](#)  
(continuous reading)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn (insert) *Jesus Your Mercy*

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Kingdom*

Text: [Mark 1:14-20](#) (Bible, p. 836)

Pastor Will Snyder

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

\* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 31

Leader: Why is he called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed by  
the Holy Spirit to be our ultimate prophet and teacher,  
who fully reveals to us God's secret council and will concerning our  
redemption,

and also to be our sole high priest, who has redeemed us by  
his sacrificial death

and ever intercedes for us with the Father,

and also to be our eternal king, who governs us by his word  
and spirit,

and defends and sustains us in the redemption he has gained for us.

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

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

\* Benediction

Postlude

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*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.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 1, 2024

**Worship Leader:** David Augustine  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** Walter Mayo  
**Nursery:** Dee Volkert, Sierra Hilinski  
*10:30 (Worship)*

**Coffee Clean-up:** Jones Shepherding Group

**Evening:** *Backyard Fellowship/Ice Cream Social  
at 5:30 PM at PCC*

September 8, 2024

**Worship Leader:** Scott Warren  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Randy Hershberger  
**Ushers:** David Embree  
**Nursery:** Toni Kirk, Lydia Edwards  
*10:30 (Worship)*

**Coffee Clean-up:** Jones Shepherding Group

**Evening:** *All-Church Pot Providence at Noon  
No Evening Gathering of Praise*

## This Week at Church

Monday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Saturday	9:00 AM	Sewing Social
Sunday	12:00 PM	All-Church Pot Providence

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

#### BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP/ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We will meet for a 'Bonus' Backyard Fellowship today at PCC to close out the summer. And what better way to close out our season of Backyard Fellowships than with an ice cream social? Join us at 5:30 PM for dinner (each individual or family should bring meat to grill and a side dish to share), fellowship, and a time of prayer and devotion. Then, get ready for the best ice cream sundaes you can possibly make! All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. We hope you can make it. It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.



### COMING EVENTS

#### ALL-CHURCH POT PROVIDENCE

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following morning worship, we will be holding an all-church pot providence meal at the church. Please plan to stay to enjoy a meal with the people of God in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a slow-cooker meal, side, or dessert—drinks will be provided.

#### PCC BARN DANCE

Please join us for our second PCC Barn Dance! Friday September 20, 7:00-9:00 PM. Rich Sbardella will be our caller. No experience necessary and families encouraged to attend. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. We look forward to enjoying fellowship and FUN with you!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES AT PCC, BEGINNING SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>

This September at PCC, we will continue our Midweek Recharge ministry focusing on fellowship and prayer, with opportunities for adults, children and youth.

*Youth Ministry* is for Middle School, High School, and recent grads, every Wednesday evening from 7PM to 8PM; visitors and friends welcome.

What to Expect: Scripture reading, prayer, music, a lesson and discussion - immersing ourselves in the word of God and turning it back to Him in worship. Youth Ministry will be led by Abe Millett and Nick Rezendes. Please reach out to Abe (abemillett@protonmail.com, 860-458-8047) with any questions.

*Kids' Club* is for all children through Elementary School, every Wednesday from 7PM to 8PM. They share prayer requests and pray for one another, sing songs, have a Bible lesson, and enjoy fun activities. The children are on an exciting trip through the Bible, learning that Jesus "The Snake Crusher" is the center of the story! Kids' Club is led by Ashley Rezendes and Colleen Millett. Please reach out to Ashley (914-456-7301) with any questions.

*Prayer Hour* is a time for adult members of the congregation to join in corporate prayer and fellowship. We have devotional time, Scripture reading and discussion. "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." (James 5:13) Prayer Hour will be every Wednesday evening from 7PM to 8PM.

*Church Dinner* will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, from 6PM to 7PM. Join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to bring visitors or friends! Please reach out to Collin Robinson (334-464-0142) with any questions and to help. *The monthly meal will be followed by Youth Ministry, Kids' Club and Prayer Hour.*

### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)) or the church office.

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Caring Families' Baby Bottle campaign ends TODAY. If you haven't yet returned your bottle, you will need to bring it to the church by Wednesday morning as Danielle Bolliger will only be making one trip to the center to return the bottles. If your bottle isn't returned by then you will need to be responsible for returning it to them.

### THANK YOU'S

My dear Church family,

Your gift of a beautiful flower arrangement is much appreciated by me and my family as we grieve the recent loss of my father. Your expression of love helped us in our difficult time.

Thank you, Dave Conte

Dear church family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and many notes of concern and comfort that I received over the past two weeks, as I grieve the loss of my mother. Mom went to be with the Lord on Sunday evening, August 11. I returned to Nova Scotia for her funeral, which was attended by a large number of (nearly 100 descendants) spanning 3 generations, plus many friends from the area where we grew up. I bring back greetings to you all from Esther, who was with our Mom right up to the end. Thank you for the outpouring of tender thoughts and reassurances that you expressed. Now is our salvation nearer than when I first believed at her knee!

-Richard Jones

# JESUS, YOUR MERCY



Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my plea. I  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my boast. The  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my rest. When  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my joy. For -



have no de-fense, my guilt runs too deep. The  
good-ness I claim, the grounds of my hope. What-  
fears weigh me down and en - em - ies press. A  
ev - er I'll lift my heart and my voice. To



best of my works pierced your hands and your feet.  
ev - er I lack it's still what I need most.  
com - fort I cling to in life and in death.  
sing of a trea - sure no pow'r can de - stroy.



Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my plea.  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my boast. [to chorus]  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my rest.  
Je - sus, your mer - cy is all my joy. [to chorus]

## Chorus



Praise the King who bore my sin Took my place when I stood con-demned

repeat last chorus



Oh how good you've al-ways been to me I will sing of your mer - cy

# 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*  
*Ordinary People, Extraordinary Kingdom*  
Mark 1:14-20

**Main Preaching Point:** Since Jesus Christ has inaugurated the final stage of God's Kingdom on earth, respond to his word in repentance and faith and live with self-abandon for the glory of the King and the extension of his wonderful reign.

- The Message of the Gospel
  - The Kingdom of God
  - Repentance and Faith
- The Messengers of the Gospel
  - Ordinary Men and Women
  - Extraordinary Calling

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Mark 1:14-20

Title: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Kingdom

**Questions:**

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

**The Message of the Gospel**

2. Read Mark 1:14-15. According to the sermon what defines the gospel? What news is being proclaimed in the gospel? And how is 'news' different from 'advice'? Explain. How does the news of the gospel (i.e. the King of all creation is coming and will do a work of redemption & restoration) open up new possibilities and great hope for the church of Christ? Explain.

3. How is the gospel related to 'the Kingdom of God'? What is the kingdom of God, and according to the sermon how do Jesus' parables help unpack the meaning of the kingdom?

- What does it mean that the kingdom is spiritual? Read Luke 17:21
- How is the kingdom progressive? Read Matthew 13:31-33
- How is the kingdom present? Read Mark 1:15

4. What does 'repentance' and 'faith' mean? And how does it relate to the gospel of the kingdom?

5. How would you describe the teaching & subject of God's kingdom in shaping your faith and understanding of what it means to be a Christian? Is it teaching that has had significant shape or not so much? Discuss.

**The Messengers of the Gospel**

6. Read Mark 1:16-20. Notice the word 'immediately' in v.17-18 and 20. This word is a key and repeated one throughout Mark's gospel. In this passage, what does it reflect about the authoritative word of Jesus?

7. What does this passage reveal about the cost of following Jesus? Read Mark 8:34-35. Discuss.

8. Consider that immediately after Jesus proclaims the presence of the kingdom, he begins calling followers. What is the relationship between the coming kingdom and disciples of Christ?

- What kind of initial followers/disciples does Jesus call—those who will make up his band of 12? Are they professional clergy? Priests? Read Acts 4:13. Why does Jesus call unlearned and common men? Read 1 Cor.1:26-31.