

The Lord's Day

September 15, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
-Mark 2:17 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 146](#)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Blessed is the LORD who keeps faith forever;

Who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

* Hymn 57 [Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul](#) RIPLEY

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 620) [Isaiah 61:1-3](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 995) [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Jesus Your Mercy*

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Great Physician* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Mark 2:1-17](#) (Bible, p. 837)

* Hymn 188 [Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting](#) TRANQUILLITY

Hymn (insert) *Glorify Your Name* GLORIFY YOUR NAME

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn 261 [What Wondrous Love Is This](#) WONDROUS LOVE

* 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.

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.

Sunday Evening Praise, 6:00 PM:

Our Sunday evening gathering of praise 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

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 15, 2024

Worship Leader: Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Nursery: Rachel Embree, Natalie Snyder
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening: *Evening Gathering of Praise at 6:00 PM*

September 22, 2024

Worship Leader: Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Nursery: Anita Hilinski, Calvin Edwards
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening: *Evening Gathering of Praise at 6:00 PM*

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Youth Ministry
		Kids' Club
		Adult Prayer Hour
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday		PCC Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 PM	PCC Barn Dance
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	6:00 PM	Evening Gathering of Praise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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!



THE BIG E FAIR – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 6:00 PM

For those interested in a time of fellowship and enjoyment together at the Big E Fair in Springfield, MA, we will be meeting on **Monday evening, September 23rd at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds**. You would be responsible for obtaining your own tickets as well as transportation to and from the fairgrounds. Ticket information and directions can be found here: [Getting Here \(thebige.com\)](http://thebige.com). You're also able to purchase tickets at the gate. **For those wanting to participate in this event, we will plan to meet inside the fairgrounds at the CT state building (on the 'Avenue of States'), 6 PM.** If you have questions or want to be a part of this event, please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com; (253.880.8285)).

FALL ARTISAN MARKET

Save the date for our fourth (almost) annual Fall Artisan Market at Baerfoot Acres Farm. We will have several vendors from PCC and PCM. Please invite friends and family, but do not advertise on town pages. We would prefer only those who've been invited to attend. Thank you!



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 ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Women's Zoom Bible Study will start back up on **Sept. 16th** studying Hebrews. We will meet **every other Monday at 7 PM**. Please see or email Elizabeth Koopman at e.koopman61@gmail.com for the link.

MEN'S COVENANT GROUP

Men's Covenant Group resumes on **Saturday, September 21st at 7:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Sterling Harmon will be leading the group in a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, October 6th**, 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Although Christmas may seem a long way away, it is not too early to begin gathering small gifts to fill boxes which will be sent around the world. Samaritan's Purse coordinates with local churches to deliver these Christmas gifts along with opportunities to learn more about Jesus. It is a great time of year to take advantage of the back-to-school sales as you think about filling a box. Empty boxes to fill will be available late September at the back of fellowship hall and can be returned to the same location by November. Please be in prayer for the children who will be receiving these boxes that they would come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. If you have any questions, you can ask Elizabeth Koopman or Sharon Fox. For more information about OCC, please go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS REVIEW

*These Shepherding Group lists reflect the groups **as they were during 2023-24**, updated for Church membership changes. The Session will be reviewing the lists against the current membership roll and congregational requests, and then distributing an updated list for 2024-25. If you would like to get to know a new group, please notify Scott Warren (scottcwarren@protonmail.com) or Danielle Bolliger (office@coventrypca.church), and the elders will be happy to transfer you to a new elder/group. Note that membership is not required to participate in a Shepherding Group.*

Chenelle:	Conte, Crilly, DeMartin, Han, Hurlburt, Koopman, O'Shaughnessy, Volkert.
Fox:	S. & A. Bassett, Bird, D. & C. Cabral, M. Cabral, Craig, Hershberger, K. Jones, Kirk, Rau, Schwarz, B. Willis, W. & S. Willis.
Harmon	J. & J. Edwards, S., L., & C. Edwards, Millett, Popovitch, Wojteczko.
Jones:	Attardo, Burns, Gardner, Hong, Lessard, Lorenzatti / Garcia, Marinelli, Rodriguez
Sundet:	Benedict, Bonadies, Dickson, I & S. Edwards, M. Edwards, Embree, Garrett, Johnson, Ohlund, Schnitzke, Z. & C. Sinnamon
Warren:	Hilinski, Lazzaro, Mayo, Owens, Rezendes, Robinson, Sinnamon, van Eyk, Volz
Wilson:	G. & L. Bassett, Bolstridge, Bolliger, Caples, Crickmore, Dumas, Goodale, Hofmann, Mayhew, McCulloch

SHEPHERDING GROUP MINISTRY

“So, I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you...” (1 Pet. 5:1-2). Not only do the Scriptures give significant importance to the shepherding ministry of a local church, but in the following I hope to provide encouragement and guidance for your part in it. First, the leadership of every local church is called to shepherd the flock under their care. And shepherding includes teaching and preaching, discipleship and community, prayer, and extending compassion and care for those in need.

The shepherding ministry at PCC goes well beyond the particular groups that we call “Shepherding Groups.” Nevertheless, one of the ways we seek to shepherd is by organizing all the members and regular attendees into groups and assigning an Elder to each one. We do this for a number of reasons. One, it gives each Elder responsibility for a particular group of people and each person in the congregation an Elder to whom they may go for prayer or specific needs. Two, when various needs arise—spiritually, physically, or emotionally, it enables us to more effectively minister to the various members. Three, as the Elders meet for prayer each month, we are able to more effectively bring the requests and needs of the people before the Lord. For these reasons and more, overseeing the congregation by means of shepherding groups has been a great benefit and blessing.

Shepherding Group Sunday

As has been the pattern for a number of years at PCC, the 2nd Sunday of each month has been *Shepherding Group Sunday*. This is a ministry in which the members of the shepherding groups are encouraged to join with one another and their Elder for a meal, a time of fellowship, and prayer. Though not all the members are able to participate, I want to encourage you in this ministry for two main reasons: First, it is one avenue that helps to support and strengthen the relational bonds in the church. In particular, because the groups often include people we may not know well, it is an opportunity to cultivate bonds that may not otherwise occur. Second, it is a blessing & help to the Elders to have a simple point-of-contact each month and to pray with and for God's people.

If you would like to be reassigned so that you may get to know another elder and group, that is certainly acceptable, and we are happy to help with that. Please contact either Elder Scott Warren (scottcwarren@protonmail.com) or the Church Administrator Danielle Bolliger (office@coventrypca.church) to inform them of your interest in making a change and we will help assist you with that. Additionally, if you're not currently in a Shepherding Group and have an interest in joining one, please let us know and we can find a good fit for you. If you have any questions about the Shepherding Group ministry, we encourage you to contact one of the Elders or Pastor Will.

Sincerely,
Pastor Will

Glorify Your Name 37

Chords: C F/C C G7 F/G G7 C2 C7 Em7 C/E

1. Fa - ther, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy your
 2. Je - sus, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy your
 3. Spir - it, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy your

Chords: F C/G F/A Gsus G C F

name in all the earth; glo - ri - fy your name,

Chords: E7/sus E7 Am F G/F F/A G7sus G7 F/A G7 F/C C

glo - ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth.

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

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Great Physician

Mark 2:1-17

Main Preaching Point: With a persistent faith and a bold love seek to bring sinners into contact with the living Christ and his gospel.

- Four Faithful Friends—the role of faith in community
 - One Bold Rabbi—the object of faith for true restoration
 - A Group of Sinners—the hope for faith for those rejected
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Mark 2:1-17

Title: The Great Physician

Questions:

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

Four Faithful Friends—the role of faith in community

2. Read Mark 2:1-12. Discuss the overall scene. What impresses you about this picture? According to the sermon as well as v.6, how does the presence of the scribes (and in Luke's account in Luke ch.5, some Pharisees were also present) give shape to the scene? What might this teach us about the environment in which service and Christian ministry at times is to be carried out?

3. What does the action and extent to which the four men go reveal about the significance of community? Who in your life do you have that would intervene and be a help to you? Who might you cultivate

such a friendship with? And who in your life would you be such a person to them?

- According to verse 5, what does Jesus "see"? What is 'faith'? Read Hebrews 11:1.
- What is the nature of faith? Is it dynamic or static? Is it something we produce or is it a gift? Once gifted, is it in our control to exercise or are we merely passive and God does all the work? Explain.

4. Though the man was carried to Jesus in order to be outwardly healed and helped, what ministry does Jesus first perform in the man's life (see v.5)? What does Jesus' action reveal about the nature of his identity?

- Jesus ends up healing the man not only spiritually but physically. Why? And what does this reveal about Christianity's view of the physical body?

A Group of Sinners—the hope for faith for those rejected

5. Read Mark 2:13-17. What does this scene teach us about the character of Christ as well as how he approached ministry to the ungodly? What do the words "sinners and tax collectors" mean/represent?

- In what ways does this passage shed light on how we should be thinking about our engagement and relationship to the world? Give ideas and examples.

6. How does this overall passage point us to the gospel of Jesus Christ? How is it *good news*? Explain.