

The Lord's Day

September 29, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother." -Mark 3:33-34 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 105](#)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name

Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

* Hymn 1 [All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 155) [Deuteronomy 10:12-22](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 996) [2 Timothy 2:20-26](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn 585 [Take My Life, and Let It Be](#) HENDON

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Before the Throne of God Above* arr. V. Cook

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Jesus: A Threat, A Madman, or The Lord of Life?*
Text: [Mark 3:7-35](#) (Bible, p. 838)
Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 170 [Fairest Lord Jesus](#) CRUSADER'S HYMN

* 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.

Installation Service, 5:00 PM:

Please join us this evening at 5:00 PM as we celebrate the installation of our new Associate Pastor, Brett Barbee. Refreshments will follow the service.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 29, 2024

Worship Leader: John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Nursery: Julia Robinson, Maddie Edwards
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening: *Installation Service for Brett Barbee
at 5:00 PM*

October 6, 2024

Worship Leader: Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Nursery: Sue Owens, Alivia Snyder
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening: *An Evening of Musical Worship
at 6:00 PM*

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Church Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Youth Ministry
		Kids' Club
		Adult Prayer Hour
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	9:00 AM	Sewing Social
Sunday	6:00 PM	An Evening of Musical Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

5TH ANNUAL PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

Pastor Will, Shelley, Nat, Alivia, and Pierson would like to invite YOU ALL-our church family and friends to our **5th Annual Pastor Open House** party. This year we will be hosting our fall event in honor of our new Associate Pastor Brett and the Barbee family. Rain or shine, please join us, **Sunday October 20th** from **noonish to sunset/6ish** at **The Hatch House** [our home: 31 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon, CT]. There is no parking on site and minimal roadside. Carpooling is encouraged. The shuttle van will be running on the half/hour [12, 12:30, 5, 5:30, etc.] from Valley Falls Park parking lot [300 Valley Falls Rd,



Vernon, CT] for those who aren't up for foot travel .25 mile hike up the hill from the park to the house. Fall festivities will include but are not limited to a smorgasbord of autumn themed foods and desserts, fond memories with old and new friends, a competitive game of tug-a-war, live music on the deck, s'mores and drums around the firepit, volleyball, a ping pong competition, yard and card games, rope swings, trampoline, and straight up fun for the whole family. Disclaimer-play at your own risk! Please bring a picnic blanket/chairs. "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith," Galatians 6:10. We thank our great God for each one of you and look forward to growing in grace with you.
Yours in Christ, The Snyder family

FALL ARTISAN MARKET

Save the date for our fourth (almost) annual Fall Artisan Market at Baerfoot Acres Farm, 275 Weigold Road in Tolland. It will be on Saturday, October 26th from 10 AM to 3 PM and the event is rain or shine. 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!

PCC OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

October 26, 2024 (Sat):
Ragged Mountain Loop Trail
Location: 437 West Ln, Berlin, CT 06037
Time: 9:00 AM at address above
5.6 Mile loop
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Est. Duration: 3-4 hours
Bring a packed lunch we can eat on the trail!
If you have any questions, please contact Derick Lessard.
Derick.Lessard@gmail.com

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.

THANK YOU!

Dear friends,

Pat and I are richly blessed by your help with our move, and with the wonderful meals so carefully prepared and delivered after my surgery. We are humbled beyond words for your loving gifts to us!

Walt & Pat Mayo

FALL 2024 SECRET SISTER

Hello, women of PCC!

Will you consider being part of a ministry that has great potential to bless another woman in the church while requiring *very little* of your time?

Secret Sister is a fun and super EASY way to get to know your sisters at PCC! All that is required is a heart that desires to encourage. You may do so by writing notes, leaving scripture, and/or leaving a small token or gift at church. The frequency and mode of encouragement is totally up to you! In December or early January, we will have a Secret Sister reveal lunch after church.

We would love to have you participate to bless and be blessed by another woman at PCC! Teens over 16 are also welcome to participate. We will choose Secret Sisters by **October 6**, so let Amy Bassett or Debbie Goodale know if you are interested. Attached is the Secret Sister form which you will complete and bring to church.

Thank you for considering!

-Amy Bassett

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the Throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Jesus: A Threat, A Madman, or The Lord of Life?

Mark 3:7-35

Main Preaching Point: While some in the world see Jesus as a great threat, a crazy madman, or just another moral teacher, respond to his call of discipleship and shape the entirety of your life around his Lordship.

- A Serious Threat to those who oppose him
- A Crazy Madman to those closest to him
- A Gracious Lord to those called to follow him

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Mark 3:7-35

Title: Jesus: A Threat, A Madman, or The Lord of Life?

Questions:

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

A Serious Threat to those who oppose him

2. Read Mark 3:7-12, 22-27. Describe the overall circumstances that Jesus finds himself in as he navigates the ministry to which he is called. What challenges did he face? What are some of the ways in which people viewed him?

- Read 3:7. Why did Jesus "withdraw with his disciples..."? What has happened in the gospel of Mark up to this point that was causing a challenge to Jesus? What does this reflect about Christianity and what might some of the implications be for those who follow Jesus? Discuss.

3. Focus in on v.22-27. What is illogical and faulty about the scribes and Pharisees claim/charge? Consider today's world and the various views of Christianity: what are some of the charges and arguments made against the faith you profess? Discuss. What are effective ways of thinking through these potentially challenging issues?

4. How does this overall text teach us about the cost of discipleship?

A Crazy Madman to those closest to him

5. Read Mark 3:20-21. Is it understandable that those close to Jesus believe he was "out of his mind"? Jesus' claims *are* quite profound. What are some of the claims that Jesus makes throughout his ministry? Provide examples and Scripture references.

6. Do you have people close to you (family, friends, co-workers) who think your beliefs are quite strange or that you are too radical in your faith commitment? What challenges have you faced relationally when it comes to your faith-profession? Discuss.

A Gracious Lord to those called to follow him

7. Read Mark 3:13-19, 31-35. How do these passages speak to Jesus' resolve to advance the kingdom and build the family of God, despite the external pressures? Discuss. How should this shape our service and ministry for Christ?

8. How should v.31-35 help form our identity, view the church of Christ, and value being a part of family of God? Discuss.