

The Lord's Day

January 19, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *“that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* -Colossians 2:2-3 (ESV)

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. J. Pinkston
Hymn 457

* Call to Worship Acts 17:24-31

* Hymn (insert) *Across the Lands* arr. Getty/Townend

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 179) Joshua 3:1-17

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 983) Colossians 2:1-5

Hymn 671 *Forever Trusting in the Lord* MEDITATION

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 108 *Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right* WAS GOTT TUT

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *How Deep the Father's Love* arr. M. Hayes

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

* Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Understanding through Faith* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: Matthew 16:1-12 (Bible, p. 821)

* Hymn 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK
HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

* Benediction

* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

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.

We warmly invite our visitors to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for fellowship.

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4. Children aged 3-5 may attend Toddler Time in Room 5 during the Sermon. They may be dismissed just after the Offertory.

Evening Service, 6:30 PM:

Please join us for our regular evening service and the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM. Pastor Clark will be preaching from Psalm 90. The sermon title is "A Mortal's Help".

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 19, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters: Fox Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: David Conte, Greg Attardo
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (Worship): Julie Craig, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time: Jonathan Keller, Tamara Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Mayo
Evening Audio: Chaz Owens

January 26, 2020

Worship Leader: Pastor Lucas Dourado
Greeters: Fox Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Corey Christians, Steven Bassett
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (Worship): Ryan Mayhew, Vanessa Mayhew
Toddler Time: Amy Bassett, Abigail Bassett
Coffee Clean-up: Popovitch family
Evening Audio: Chaz Owens

Across the Lands

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be - fore the world be -
2. Yet You left the gaze of an - gels, came to seek and save the
3. With a shout You rose vic - to - rious, wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

gan; ___ Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry plan - et ___ has been
lost ___ and ex - changed the joy of heav - en ___ for the
grave ___ and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en ___ lead - ing

fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the
cap - tives in Your way. Now You stand be - fore the

geth - er by the pow - er of Your voice ___ Let the
hun - gry, with a word You calmed the sea; ___ Yet how
Fa - ther, in - ter - ced - ing for Your own; ___ From each

skies de - clare Your glo - ry; ___ let the land and seas re -
si - lent - ly You suf - fered ___ that the guilt - y may go
tribe and tongue and na - tion ___ You are lead - ing sin - ners

Refrain

joice. ___ You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion ___ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry
free. ___
home. ___

man, ___ and Your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands. ___

This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Friday	7:00 PM	PCC Book Club
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	2:00 PM	Ladies' Sip & See
Sunday	9:00 AM	Prayer for the Nations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

PCC BOOK CLUB

The PCC Book Club will have our first gathering on **Friday, January 24th at 7:00 PM** here at the church. We will be discussing C. S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". No sign up required, but if you have interest kindly let Mark Popovitch or Pastor Snyder know. "The Screwtape Letters" makes an excellent stocking stuffer (depending on the size of the edition you buy!!)

LADIES' SIP & SEE

Please join us at the church at **2:00 PM on January 25th** for a wonderful time of fellowship and giving thanks for the covenant children that God has blessed our PCC family with in the past couple of years. We will honor young siblings born to the Popovitch, Caples, Christians, Dourado, Barr, Hershberger, Millett, and Mayhew families and pray with them for the Lord's work in their lives. Bring a thankful heart and a treat to share and we'll rejoice together in His wonderful blessings to us!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Friday, January 31st, 2020 at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that

night, it will be February 7th). We will hear reports on various ministries of the church and hear a report on the 2020 budget. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 13:1-37.

THANK YOU!

Dear PCC Family,

Thank you for the fruit & cheese basket and the numerous demonstrations of support. It has been a true comfort.

-Alice Crilly

TODDLER TIME 2020

We are preparing the roster of volunteers for people serving our young children in Toddler Time for this upcoming year. If you think the Lord may be leading you to serve in this way please let Cecelia Clark know so that you can be added to the rotation. You can speak to her personally, email her at clarkmom3@gmail.com or call her at (828) 231-5971. Also, if you desire to serve but have not yet received the Child Protection Training, please make that clear so that we can plan such training in the near future.

PIONEER CLUBS

We experienced a wonderful time of the Lord's blessing during the Fall with a great staff and an average of about 22 children each Wednesday night. There is still a need of someone to be in the Administrator position. Pioneer Clubs does provide helpful guides and resources for this position. Please speak to Bill Clark if you have interest and be in prayer for the Lord's blessing on these children in the upcoming year.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Understanding through Faith

Matthew 16:1-12

Main Preaching Point: That you may be filled with the riches of understanding, exercise perceptive faith in Christ, the source of all wisdom and knowledge

- **Avoiding a Pessimistic Skepticism (v.1-4)**
 - Interpreting the signs
 - Sign of Jonah
- **Fostering a Perceptive Faith (v.5-12)**
 - Rebuke (v.7-9,11)
 - Reminder (v.9-10)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 16:1-12

Title: Understanding through Faith

Questions:

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

Avoiding a Pessimistic Skepticism (v.1-4)

2. Read v.1-4. According to these verses how do the Pharisees & Sadducees evidence a *pessimistic skepticism*? Why are they demanding from Jesus a sign from heaven? Since Jesus has already performed numerous signs and supernatural works, what do Pharisees testing reveal about them? Explain.

3. What is Jesus' point in v.2-3? How do his words reveal not only the value of observation and human analysis, but also its limitation?

Explain. If the Pharisees have observed or heard clear testimony of Jesus' works, why do they not believe he is the Messiah? Explain.

4. According to the sermon what is the sign of Jonah? Matt.12:39-40 reveals that just as Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days so the Son of Man will be in heart of the earth three days. That is, the sign is the cross and resurrection of Christ. Is there anything more to the sign? Explain. How was Israel in Jonah's day like the Pharisees in Jesus' day? How does God respond to such people (see 16:4b).

Fostering a Perceptive Faith (v.5-12)

5. Read v.5-12. According to the sermon what kind of way of thinking is Jesus seeking to instill and encourage in the lives of the disciples (see v.8-10).

- What does it mean to live and foster a *perceptive* faith (v.9a)? How do the disciples exemplify a kind of "natural" thinking rather than perceptive faith? What are some of the examples and ways that we think in a natural/worldly way rather than through the lens of Christian faith? Explain. Discuss examples of living and seeing through the lens of faith.
- Read Colossians 2:2-3. What does it mean that in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Relate to the text in Matthew and discuss its relevance.

6. What specific ways in the life of the church (universally speaking) do we need to think and operate out of a perceptive faith, rather than out of the flesh? Explain.