

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 2, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Sam Edwards, Kevin Marr
Audio: Chaz Owens/Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Monique Barr
10:30 (*Worship*): Ava Wilson, Chloe Sinnamon
Toddler Time: Sue Owens, Elisabeth Craig
Coffee Clean-up: Edwards
Evening Audio:

February 9, 2020

Worship Leader: Pastor Bill Clark
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Robert Hurlburt, Kevin Hilinski
Audio: Chaz Owens/Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Vanessa Mayhew
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Lauri Volkert
Toddler Time: Anita Hilinski, Reagan Hilinski
Coffee Clean-up: Ohlund
Evening Audio:

Beneath the Cross

Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the

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find a place to stand, and won - der at such
fam - 'ly is my own. Once stran - gers chas - ing
path be - fore the crown, we fol - low in His

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mer - cy that calls me as I
self - ish dreams; now one through grace a -
foot - steps where prom - ised hope is

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am. For hands that should dis - card me hold
lone. How could I now dis - hon - or the
found. How great this joy be - fore us to

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wounds which tell me come. Be - neath the cross of
ones that You have loved? Be - neath the cross of
be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of

14
Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.
Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:00 AM	Prayer for the Nations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

SNAC YOUTH GROUP GYM NIGHT

The SNAC Youth Group will be having their Gym Night on **Saturday, February 8th from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Wapping Community Church in South Windsor.** They'll meet there where they have permission to use their gym. Wear shorts or sweats & **gym-friendly shoes & bring \$2, a water bottle, basketballs, friends! & permission forms.** They need a count for this so please email or call Sherry (860) 490-8810 by Friday, February 7th to let them know if you're going (yea!!) or not (heavy sigh...)!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive here at PCC. It will be held on **Tuesday, February 25th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

PCC BOOK CLUB

The next PCC Book Club meeting will be on **Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM, at the church.** We will be discussing the classic exploration of Christian community, "Living Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Any questions, please see Mark Popovitch.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 13:32-14:11.

BOOKLET TABLE

The booklet table in the narthex has recently been restocked. You may take them for yourself to read or give them to someone whom you think might benefit from them. Please take only 2 or 3 at a time and read and profit from them before getting other ones. Materials taken may be returned if they are still in essentially new condition.

PCC DIRECTORY

We are finally getting close to printing a new photo directory but wanted to send out one "last call" for photos. If you would like to submit a photo (or update the one you've already submitted since a year has already passed since then), please email it to Danielle Bolliger at office@coventrypca.church by **February 9th.**

LOVE PACKAGES

There is a ministry located in Butler, IL called Love Packages, check it out @ www.lovepackages.org which accepts Bibles, Christian literature (devotionals, studies, Sunday school lessons, CDs and magazines etc. - no VHS, cassettes however) and sends boxes of materials to Christians around the world who do not have the abundance that we enjoy here in the USA. Please do not throw those tracts, devotionals etc. into the trash or recycle bin! Please join me in donating your used literature and CDs to this wonderful organization. There is a box labeled in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Carey Hurlburt.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Great Paradox: Finding Life by Losing It

Matthew 16:24-28

Main Preaching Point: In order that you may gain true life, respond to the cross of Christ by counting the cost of a cruciformed life.

- The Cost of Following Christ
- The Reasons for Following Christ
 - Finding life by losing it (v.25)
 - Gaining the world but losing the soul (v.26)
 - Judgment and reward in the last day (v.27)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 16:24-28

Title: The Great Paradox: Finding Life by Losing It

Questions:

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

The Cost of Following Christ (v.24)

2. Read v.24. What are the two main characteristics of a disciple in this verse?

- What does it mean to deny oneself? What is a believer actually denying? According to the sermon, how is discipline and ascetic practices not necessarily denying the self?

- Christian author Ernest Best writes, "It is not the denial of something to the self but the denial of the self itself." Discuss.

3. What does it mean to "take up one's cross" in following Jesus? Does carrying one's cross mean to bear the general aches and pains of life? Explain.

- Discuss specific examples and ways of denying oneself and carrying one's cross?
- Read Ephesians 4:20-24. How do these words relate?

The Reasons for Following Christ (v.25-27)

4. Read v.25. Describe the person who is seeking to "save his own life"? Why and how will that person "lose" their life? Describe the person who is "losing" his life for Christ? What are the primary barriers or temptations to believers in seeking to lose their life for Christ? Explain.

5. Read v.26. John Calvin comments on this verse: "Christ reminds them that the soul of man was not created merely to enjoy the world for a few days, but to obtain at length its immortality in heaven." Is the Christian not to enjoy this world or life? How does a disciple enjoy the good gifts of God (Matt.7:11) while not seeking to gain the world?

6. Read v.27. Explain practical ways of how keeping the end in view might shape the way a disciple lives in the here and now.

7. Discuss any additional points or applications from this text.