

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 23, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Christopher Marr, Ben Willis
Audio: Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Liz Sundet, Suneetha Madda
Toddler Time: Wendy Harmon, Natalie Snyder
Coffee Clean-up: Tamara Sinnamon
Evening Audio:

March 1, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: David Conte, Greg Attardo
Audio:
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Natalie Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Crilly
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Date Change: The Red Cross Blood Drive will be this **Thursday, February 27th** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 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!

DEACON/USHER TRAINING

We will be having our yearly Deacon / Usher safety training to communicate and execute our means of crowd control during emergencies. Laurie Volkert will present the training in the Sanctuary during the normal Sunday School hour. It will be held on two separate days, **Sunday March 1st** and **Sunday March 8th**. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. Please see Deacon Bolliger with any questions.

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, "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Any questions, please see Mark Popovitch.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

It is a great privilege when we can join in worship with our sister churches in the area. West Springfield Covenant Community Church, has invited us to a joint worship service on **Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 PM**. WSCCC is located at 112 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA. Nursery will be provided. Please plan to attend!

PCC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

On **March 15th**, the Emergency Management Team of PCC will conduct our annual safety training for the adults of the Congregation **during the Sunday School hour**. Nursery and children's Sunday School classes should plan to meet as they normally do in their respective classrooms. Any questions? Please see Lauri Volkert or Howard Craig.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, March 22nd**, we are offering a class called "The Discovery Class", intended for regular visitors and inquirers for the purpose of providing an introduction to the gospel message, the core and distinctive beliefs of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry and to learn of opportunities for life and fellowship within the congregation. The class will run for 8 weeks and is led by Pastor Will and elders of the church. At the conclusion of the class is an opportunity for individuals (if interested) to understand and pursue church membership. If you are interested in participating, please provide your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Will through the church office: (860)742-7222.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Ladies only Sunday school class will begin on **March 22nd**. We will be studying the book of Ephesians inductively. This class will present study skills for understanding the Bible better while learning what questions to ask and how to find the answers. The hope is that these tools will allow you to dig deeper as you study the Scriptures alone. Laurie Warren will be the primary facilitator.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 14:22-42.

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.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Dee Volkert.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Community Life: The Upside-Down Kingdom

Matthew 18:1-14

Main Preaching Point: Since the body of Christ has immeasurable worth in the eyes of our Lord, humble yourself so that you may receive and encourage others in their Christian faith

- Greatness in the Kingdom—a community marked by humility (v.1-4)
- Encouraging the faith of others—the reality and mortification of sin (v.5-9)
- The Worth of Christ's Community—a love that pursues the "one" (v.10-14)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 18:1-14

Title: Community Life: The Upside-Down Kingdom

Questions:

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

Greatness in the Kingdom—a community marked by humility (v.1-4)

2. Read v.1-4. Why do the disciples ask who is the greatest? Read Matthew 5:19 and 19:28. Discuss.

3. What illustration does Jesus use to define what it means to be the greatest? According to the sermon what does it mean to "become like children"? Does Jesus mean children are always innocent? Trusting? Explain.

- Though the disciples ask about greatness in the kingdom, what does Jesus say is necessary to even *enter* the kingdom (v.3)? Explain. How would you define "humble" in v.4?

Encouraging the faith of others—the reality and mortification of sin (v.5-9)

4. Read v.5-9. How does the childlike humility in v.2-4 relate to community life in v.5-9?

- Discuss how and why "becoming like children" is necessary in receiving others (v.5).
- In considering v.6-9, how do these verses fit in the larger context of community life?
- V.6-9 deal with what hurts the faith of God's children, namely sin. What is Jesus' answer in how to address that (sin) which is hurting the faith of others or one's own? What does it mean to "cut it off" and "tear it out" in v.8 & 9? Read Romans 8:13 & Colossians 3:5, 12. Relate and discuss.

5. What are practical ways of building closer community in order to help one another fight sin, rest in the gospel of God's grace, and encourage one another's faith? Discuss.

The Worth of Christ's Community—a love that pursues the "one" (v.10-14)

6. Read v.10-14. How do these verses relate to the larger context?

- How do these words stress the value of *quality* over *quantity*? How does it raise the value of the individual, and how should this shape community life and existing relationships within the body? Explain.
- Doctrine: How does v.14 relate to "the perseverance of the saints" (i.e. once saved, always saved)? Read Philippians 1:6 & John 10:27-30.