

The Lord's Day

June 28, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." -Matthew 23:12 (ESV)

- Prelude [I Will Sing of My Redeemer](#) arr. Seidel
Hymn 650
- * Call to Worship [1 Peter 2:4-6](#)
- * Hymn 353 [I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord](#) ST. THOMAS
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Ezekiel 34](#)
- Leader: For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. I will rescue them from all places and deliver them from darkness.
- People: I will feed them with good pasture, and cause them to lie down in peace.
- Leader: I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God.
- People: I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured.
- Leader: I will strengthen the weak and feed them in justice.
- People: I will make with them a covenant of peace and I will write my law on their hearts.
- Leader: And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. I am the LORD; I have spoken.
- New Testament Lesson [Philippians 4:1-9](#)
- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn 338 [Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart](#) MORECAMBE
- ** Prayers of the People

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- * Congregation Standing
** Congregation Kneeling

- Offertory [O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!](#) arr. J. Koerts
Hymn 535
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon **The Façade of the Pharisees** Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)
- * Hymn 261 [What Wondrous Love Is This](#) WONDROUS LOVE
- Reception of New Members
- The Lord's Supper [Take My Life, and Let It Be](#) Hymn 585
[O Sacred Head, Now Wounded](#) Hymn 247
- * Hymn 305 [Arise, My Soul, Arise](#) LENOX
- * 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.

As a reminder, our Session has decided to require the use of facial masks at all times while inside the church facility on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the Pastor and those leading in worship during the service.

According to state guidelines you are not required to use a mask or cloth face covering if it is contrary to your health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new members this morning: Yong Han and Ronald Whiddon.

Communion Reminder: The outer ring of cups on each tray contains grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker that is served is gluten-free.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

June 28, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards

Ushers: Walter Mayo

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (*Worship*):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

July 5, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo

Ushers: Howard Craig

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (*Worship*):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our fundraisers have been impacted by the virus restrictions, but we are starting the Caring Families' Baby Bottle campaign on Father's Day, **June 21**. Fill a baby bottle with coins (bills, even checks!) and you can help us provide ultrasounds, diapers, wipes, educational and spiritual support to women facing pregnancy decisions. You can return the bottles at church any time before September 6. If you would prefer an online option, please visit www.carefamilies.com. We are also planning a Bottle and Diaper Donation parade on July 4 at a Willimantic church, another way to return your bottles. Contact Sandy Pradetto at 860-228-2292 (landline) if you have questions. PCC people have been very supportive in the past, and for that we thank you sincerely!

VBS IS GOING VIRTUAL FOR 2020!

Even with life slowly crawling out of quarantine, your VBS directors thought it best all-around to host a virtual Vacation Bible School this year. So whereas in past years our time during the lead-up to VBS would be spent filling staff positions and decorating the church, this year we will be recording videos and putting together "VBS care packages" to pass out to any child ages 4-12 who registers to "attend" our virtual VBS. Then, during the week of **August 10-14** (same week we had planned for our live VBS), a daily set of videos will be uploaded to the church website/YouTube channel featuring songs, missions lessons, and crafts. Most importantly, these kids (and anyone in the house within earshot) will hear about the one true God who came to save sinners. Registration forms will be mailed out to all non-PCC families, and there will be registration forms made available at the church and on the church website soon. You can also email one of the directors and we can email you a form if need be. Since VBS will be virtual (meaning no commitment to driving kids to church each day and then picking them up, etc etc etc), this would be a great opportunity to connect friends, family, neighbors with the Gospel. It will give kids ages 4-12 something to do for a week in August when summer tends to bog down with "boredom". Please sign up early so

we know how many care packs to put together, and be on the lookout for more information regarding when and where to pick up your packet. Finally, please be in prayer for this endeavor. This is a new challenge for us to put this type of VBS together, but more importantly be in prayer that the Gospel would be impacted by the power of the Holy Spirit, that God would be honored and glorified with an increase to His kingdom.

VBS DANCE TEAM

We are seeking a small group of (3rd grade or older) kids who would like to learn the dances and be videotaped doing them for our virtual VBS. Contact Sandy Pradetto (860) 228-2292 (landline) if your young person is interested. We'll intensively rehearse for a short period of time and tape before July ends.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Dear Congregation,

Our family will be out in Washington State visiting our extended families over the next two weeks. While I'm away on Sunday July 5th and 12th, Pastor Brad Evans will be filling in with the preaching of God's Word. I am grateful for his willingness to serve and I trust his presence and preaching will be a blessing to our congregation. In addition, if you have any pastoral need, feel free to contact me (253) 880-8285; pastorjws@gmail.com). Pastor Brad and Pastor Lucas will also make themselves available where they can. And you can always contact your shepherding elder. Though it is a challenging time to be away, we are thankful to be able to see our families. And we give thanks to the Lord for you and for our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely...Pastor Will

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning the first Wednesday in August (Aug. 5th), the 1:00 PM Bible study will resume, led by Pastor Will. While we are discerning which book of the bible to consider next, if you're interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com). As we approach August we will decide whether holding the study on-site at church and/or zoom will be most suitable.

FIREWOOD AT COVENTRY HOUSE

The Deacons have removed roughly 15 Ash trees from the Coventry House property, and the tree-length logs are currently located in the parking lot of Coventry House. If you are interested in the wood, you must bring your own chainsaw, as it is not cut to fireplace length. Any questions, please contact one of the Deacons.

TODDLER TIME NEWS

Cecelia has finished the reorganization of the toddler time curriculum, resources, and lessons! She is very excited to share it with someone who has a heart for this ministry. Responsibilities would include scheduling the volunteers and choosing the already prepared weekly lesson. Please speak to Cecelia this weekend or contact her if you are interested in serving.
clarkmom3@gmail.com or (828) 231-5971

PCC FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at PCC is a vital ministry for many of our fellow brothers and sisters. Please consider supplying some food to the pantry. The pastors continue to work in their offices during the week so the church should be open, please call before you arrive to be sure. Please also keep the safety of the pastors and Danielle in mind by staying a safe distance and minimizing touching surfaces. Cereals, soups, pasta, pasta sauce, canned items, chips, napkins, coffee, tea, cookies, ramen noodles, rice, canned tuna and chicken, pancake mix and syrup, condiments, juice etc. are needed. Please help to keep this ministry going at a crucial time. If you have any questions you can call Robert Hurlburt at 860-930-6584 or Carey Hurlburt at 860-930-6572.

The Deacons also have grocery food cards available for those in need as well as the Deacons fund if this crisis is placing anyone in financial jeopardy. Deacons phone numbers are below:

Howard Craig 860-449-3582

Peter Benedict 860-803-2159

Scott Bolliger 860-559-2779

Walter Mayo 413-244-7480

Randy Hershberger 860-742-0412

Jeff Edwards 860-970-2150

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Façade of the Pharisees

Matthew 23:1-12

Main Preaching Point: Be set free from a merit-based righteousness through the gospel of Christ, that his grace might fuel your sanctification, love for others, and a humble life

- Living what you profess: Closing the gap between profession of faith and practice of faith (v.1-3)
- Lightening the burdens of others: Wielding God's Word to strengthen others (v.4-10)
- Longing for humility: Exalting Christ above self (v.11-12)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 23:1-12

Title: The Façade of the Pharisees

Questions:

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

Living what you profess: Closing the gap between profession of faith and practice of faith

2. Read v.1-3. What is the primary concern or charge that Jesus has against the Pharisees? Explain. Is it surprising that Jesus says to the crowds and disciples, "do and observe whatever they (Pharisees) tell you..."? What does it mean that the Pharisees "sit on Moses' seat"?

3. Jesus says of the Pharisees, "they preach, but do not practice". The Pharisees were known for their devotion to the Torah (as well as additional traditions). See Luke 18:9-12. So, what does Jesus mean that they "do not practice"?

- How is it possible to carry out certain godly actions but be empty of any sincere devotion to the Lord? Jesus seems to charge the Pharisees with an inward emptiness (see Matt.23:23-28).
- How do you close the gap between having a profession of faith and having a sincere practice of faith that comes from the heart? Explain.

Lightening the burdens of others: Wielding God's Word to strengthen others

4. Read v.4-9. Discuss some of the ways the Pharisees engaged and related to those around them. Verse 4 says "they tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders." Contrast this with Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30.

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Hebrews 10:24-25. In what way(s) can the Word of God be used a way to weigh people down? How can it be used to build people up? Explain.

Longing for humility: Exalting Christ above self

5. Read v.12. Compare this verse with Luke 18:9-14. What does it mean to humble oneself? Give examples.

6. How does Matthew 23:1-12 relate to the gospel of God's grace? How does the gospel free a person from legalism and pharisaism? Explain.