

The Lord's Day

August 16, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"
-Matthew 25:40 (ESV)

- Prelude ['Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus](#) Esther Jones, piano
Hymn 679
- * Call to Worship [Psalm 84:1-4](#)
- * Hymn 498 [Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!](#) HYFRYDOL
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 68](#)
- Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered
People: **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**
Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; his name is the LORD; exult before him!
People: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**
Leader: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.
People: **But God will strike the heads of his enemies, those who walk in guilty ways.**
Leader: Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.
People: **O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.**
Leader: To him who rises in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
People: **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over his people, and whose power is in the skies.**
Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

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- * Congregation Standing
** Congregation Kneeling

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 992) [1 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)
(continuous reading)

- Hymn 674 [I Need Thee Every Hour](#) NEED
- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn 433 [O God of Mercy, God of Might](#) ELMHURST
- ** Prayers of the People
- Offertory [Have Thine Own Way, Lord!](#) Hymn 688
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon **How to Wait – Sacrificial Love for the Church Through the Transformation of the Gospel**
Text: [Matthew 25:31-46](#) (Bible, p. 831)
Pastor Will Snyder
- * Hymn 535 [O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!](#) EBENEZER
- * 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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 16, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Pete Benedict
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship
at PCC at 5:30 PM*

August 23, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship
at PCC at 5:30 PM*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

The Session has agreed to hold an outdoor worship service on **Sunday, August 30th at 10:30AM**. We are inviting all who are able to attend to join together in worship on-site at PCC. Details regarding guidelines will be sent out this week. We desire for all God's people to gather together for a time of worship and thanksgiving to our gracious God. We will not be live streaming that Sunday, but we will seek to provide a recording for those unable to attend. Thank you and may the Lord bless you.

PCC LADIES GATHERINGS AT PCC PAVILLION/ZOOM

Our summer intern, Hannah Moon is hosting several gathering opportunities for the PCC Ladies. Thursdays at 10 AM under the church's pavilion, Hannah and the ladies at PCC will be hosting a weekly Women's Sunday Sermon Conversation. During this time, they will reflect on Sunday's sermon together with the hope that they can dig into how the particular truths of the gospel highlighted in the teaching apply to our day to day lives. Thursdays Ladies Bible Study meets at 7:30 PM on Zoom. We are studying the book of 1 John. Saturday (every other) Book Club at 3 PM is discussing C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, selected books. Look for church email announcements and/or contact Hannah directly for details or to schedule a time to meet with her. Email: hannahmoon93@gmail.com

SNAC YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every SATURDAY night Summertime Bible Study on the *Book of Numbers* from 6:30 to 8 PM. Change of location - We'll be meeting outside for Bible Study and prayer at PCC near the pavilion and fire pit through the end of September! We will be maintaining social distancing (except among family members), so please bring your own BIBLE, CAMP CHAIR/BLANKET, WATER BOTTLE, BUG SPRAY, AND FACE MASK. There will be restrooms available for emergency usage but no snacks will be served. Look for email updates for weather cancellations and meeting dates.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, August 23rd, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:15 AM). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives with PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding, and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) or the church office.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, August 27th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They have added extra safety precautions due to COVID-19 such as temperature checks before entry into the building, social distancing protocol, wearing of face masks, etc. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 1:5-14, if you're interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com). We will be holding the study on-site at church and for those unable to attend in person, we will provide Zoom.

FIREWOOD AT PCC

The Deacons have removed a fallen Maple tree near the pavilion at the church parking lot. 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.

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

How to Wait – Sacrificial Love for the Church Through the Transformation of the Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Main Preaching Point: Wait for Christ as those who have been so transformed by the gospel that you unselfconsciously serve your brothers and sisters in Christ in sacrificial ways

- The Son of Man's Great Gathering and Separation (v.31-34)
 - The Shepherd Separates
 - The King Speaks
- The Sheep—Entering the Eternal Kingdom (v.34-40)
- The Goats—Entering the Eternal Punishment (v.41-46)
- The Good Shepherd—The One on whom our iniquity has been laid

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Title: How to Wait – Sacrificial Love for the Church Through the Transformation of the Gospel

Questions:

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

The Son of Man's Great Gathering and Separation (v.31-34)

2. Read v.31-34. How does the Son of Man (Jesus) refer to himself in these verses? What is Jesus doing in these verses? How do they emphasize a Christ-centered and Christ-exalting thrust?

3. In verse 34 Jesus says, "come...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Describe this kingdom. See Revelation 21:1-5.

The Sheep—Entering the Eternal Kingdom (v.34-40)

4. Read v.34-40. After Jesus speaks and welcomes those on his right (the sheep) into his kingdom, he gives the reason why. What reason(s) does Jesus give? Do these verses teach a works-righteousness? Discuss the following statement: "Works of mercy are not the cause of faith, but rather the fruit of faith". Do you agree? Explain.

5. According to the sermon, there are a few surprises in this passage. What are they?

- Surprise #1: The unselfconscious care of the righteous. Read v.37-39. What does it reflect about the righteous that they're unselfconscious in their mercy and care for others? Compare the righteous in this passage with those Jesus speaks of in Matthew 7:21-23.
- Surprise #2: The brothers (and sisters) are the disciples. Throughout Matthew, whenever Jesus mentions "brothers" it is always in reference to disciples. See 12:46-50. How should this shape our understanding of the passage?
- Surprise #3: What the sheep do to the brothers they do to Jesus. See v.40. What does this reveal about the nature of Jesus' relationship to the church? How should this shape our view and interaction with the people of God?

The Goats—Entering the Eternal Punishment (v.41-46)

6. Read v.41-46. According to v.41, what is the purpose of hell? V.46 describes the punishment as eternal. Why is it without end? Discuss.

The Good Shepherd—The One on whom our iniquity has been laid

7. Read Isaiah 53:6. How should Isaiah 53 (as well as John 10:7-11) give shape to the way we read Matthew 25 (the sheep and goats)? Explain. What practical applications might you make in reference to the passages considered?