

# The Lord's Day

December 27, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

Prelude      *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*      arr. L. Larson  
[Hymn 207](#)

\* Call to Worship      [Psalm 24:7-10](#)

\* [Hymn 198](#)      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*      TRURO

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading)      [Psalm 67](#)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us

Leader: That your way may be known on earth  
and your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

Leader: God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1011)      [James 1:12-18](#)  
(continuous reading)

[Hymn 201](#)      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      ST. LOUIS

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn (insert) *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*      arr. Getty/Townend

\*\* Prayers of the People

Offertory      *Thou Dost Reign on High*      arr. M. Thompson  
[Hymn 241](#)

\* [Hymn 731](#)      *Doxology*      OLD HUNDREDDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon      **The Mission of God**      Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [Matthew 28:16-20](#) (Bible, p. 835)

\* [Hymn 469](#)      *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*      ST. COLUMBA

\* Benediction

\* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

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*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.*

In an effort to be subject to our civil authorities as well as considering the well-being of others before ourselves, facial masks are required 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.

On Sunday mornings, as you use the fellowship hall or sanctuary, please avoid movement between the two facilities as we treat them as separate gatherings in an effort to comply with current regulations.

## Evening Service, 5:30 PM:

Please join us for our regular evening service at 5:30 PM. Elder Brian Wilson will be preaching from Philippians 3:12-4:1. The sermon title is "Pressing On in Hard Times".

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

December 27, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger

Ushers: Peter Benedict

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

January 3, 2021

Worship Leader: Pastor Lucas Dourado

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo

Ushers: Jeff Edwards

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

## Hear the Call of the Kingdom

1. Hear the call of the King-dom, lift your eyes to the King. Let His  
2. Hear the call of the King-dom to be chil - dren of light, with the  
3. Hear the call of the King-dom to reach out to the lost; with the

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song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of-fer-ing of how God, rich with mer - cy, came in  
mer - cy of heav-en, the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk-ing just - ly be - fore Him, lov-ing  
Fa-ther's com-pas-sion, in the won-der of the cross. Bring-ing peace and for-give-ness and a

6 *Refrain (2nd and 3rd verses only)*  
Christ to re-deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing grace. King of heav-en, we will  
all that is right; That the light of Christ may shine through us.  
hope yet to come, Let the na-tions put their trust in Him.

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an - swer the call; We will fol - low, bring-ing hope to the world, filled with

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pas-sion, filled with pow-er to pro-claim sal - va - tion in Je - sus' name.

## This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday		New Year's Eve – Celebrate Safely!
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	9:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 5<sup>th</sup>). We will hear reports on various ministries, pastoral comments on the status of our ministry in light of Covid, and a report on the 2021 budget. We will also be voting on proposed changes to our by-laws. A copy of the proposed by-law changes will be available in the narthex and will also be sent out by email as a PDF. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 11:8-38, 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.

#### MEN'S COVENANT GROUP

The Men's Covenant Group, which meets on **Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:50 AM**, is well-underway in studying the Luke-Acts pairing of the New Testament. The group is observing the parallels of the two books, and enjoying fellowship in the Scriptures. It's never too late to join in.

We gather at 7:00 Saturday morning at the church with coffee and food, but there's also the option of attending through an online meeting. Please contact Pastor Will or the church office for the online option.

#### OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

Dated offering envelopes for 2021 are now available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. For those who have had envelopes in the past please look for your name on the box. It will have the same number envelopes you had this year. There are un-labeled boxes for anyone who hasn't used the offering envelopes but would like to start. For those new to using the envelopes please put your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year. Thanks! Statements for 2020 will be mailed out in January.

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the loving community of the PCA for your payers for my mom and my family, and for the lovely flower arrangement, and for the many sympathy cards. God has given me such peace. Just before my mom passed my sister-in-law had put her bed in the sun light (Sonlight) and my mom smiled and peacefully passed. I had prayed for a peaceful passing. The next day, Sunday during church, I had such a sense of my mom being with Jesus and singing with the angels. She loved to sing and hasn't been able for so long because of her Alzheimer's. She knows who I am again and is fully aware of God and the glory surrounding Him. I'm at peace. God is good.

Thank you,  
Barbara Glenister and family

Virginia Lloyd would like to extend thanks and greetings to everyone at PCC. She is grateful for all the cards and get well wishes that people have sent to her.

## Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

### *The Mission of God*

Matthew 28:16-20

**Main Preaching Point:** Since the end of all things is the glory/worship of God, He has sent you to make disciples with the authority of Christ and the assurance of his presence

- The Goal of the Mission—Worship
- The Head of the Mission—Christ
- The Heart of the Mission—Making Disciples
  - Outward Emphasis—All Nations
  - Inward Emphasis—Baptizing and Teaching
- The Assurance of the Mission—The “Always” Present Christ

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Title: The Mission of God

**Questions:**

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

#### The Goal of the Mission—Worship

2. John Piper writes, “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions” (*Let the Nations Be Glad*). What do you think should be the motivations for missions, disciple-making, and evangelism? Explain.

#### The Head of the Mission—Christ

3. Read v.16-20. How is this text Christ-centered? Note all the places where Jesus is either speaking or mentioned. Note also the “all” statements throughout the passage. Why is this significant?

- Based on v.18, by whose authority does the church carry out the mission? How should this shape the attitude and confidence of God's people in seeking to make disciples? Do you have confidence in making other disciples (both evangelizing the lost and strengthening the brethren)? Why or why not? Explain.

#### The Heart of the Mission—Making Disciples

4. According to v.19, what is the primary task or objective of the mission? What is a ‘disciple’? According to the text (and sermon) what is the outward emphasis in the mission, and what is the inward emphasis?

5. “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations.” The emphasis is less on the “going” and more on the “making disciples.” It could read, “as you go, make disciples...” How do people become disciples? Read Romans 10:11-17. Do all believers have a calling & responsibility in making disciples? Explain.

- “Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have taught” (v.19-20). How does this drive home the inward emphasis?

6. In practical ways, how are you engaged in making disciples? How would you like to be engaged? Explain. If this is central to the mission of God, what role ought it to play in our life?

#### The Assurance of the Mission—The “Always” Present Christ

7. Read v.20. What should give us assurance in our pursuit of God's mission? Explain.