

The Lord's Day

January 10, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." -Ephesian 6:10-11 (ESV)

Prelude *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?* arr. M. Thompson
[Hymn 573](#)

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Isaiah 61:10-11](#)

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

My soul shall exult in my God,

Leader: For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

And as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

Leader: So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

* [Hymn 575](#) *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* DIADEMATA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 619) [Isaiah 59:14-21](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1011) [James 2:1-13](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Give Thanks* arr. H. Smith

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* [Hymn 580](#) *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. M. Thompson
[Hymn 674](#)

* [Hymn 731](#) *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon **Strong in the Lord** Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#) (Bible, p. 979)

* [Hymn 600](#) *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* HE LEADETH ME

* 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.

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.

Shepherding Groups, 12:00 PM:

All Shepherding Groups will meet today after the morning worship service. There will be no evening service tonight.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 10, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Howard Craig
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-*
No Evening Service

January 17, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Will Snyder
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio:

Give Thanks

5 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give
8 thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause He's
11 giv - en Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give
14 thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the
17 Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus
20 Christ, His Son. And now let the
23 weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
26 rich, be-cause of what the Lord has done for
29 us." And now let the weak say, "I am
32 strong," let the poor say, "I am rich, be-cause of
35 what the Lord has done for us." Give
thanks, give thanks.

This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

YOUNG ADULT MEETING

Tonight is the young adult group's first meeting of 2021! We will once again be meeting here at the church in the fellowship hall at **6:00 PM**. RSVP to one of the young adults if you're planning on coming so we can get an accurate headcount.

We will be having a sit down dinner like last time with someone serving everyone to minimize contact. Pulled pork is on the menu, so you won't want to miss out on this one. 😊
Looking forward to seeing you there!

COMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Friday, January 29th, 2021 at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 5th). 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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 11:17-40, 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 is studying the Luke-Acts pairing in the New Testament, observing the parallels of the two books, and enjoying fellowship in the Scriptures. We meet at the church from 7:00 AM to just before 9:00 AM on Saturday morning with coffee and food. But there is also the option of joining through an online meeting--please contact Pastor Will or the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

Dated offering envelopes for 2021 are now available in the Narthex. 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 soon.

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Abe and Colleen Millett on the birth of their son, Torsten Magnus Millett. He was born at home on Thursday, December 24th at 11:37 PM. He measured 8 lbs, 6.5 ounces, 22 inches long. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

THANK YOU!

Dear Congregation,

The staff of PCC would like to express great appreciation for your generous gift to us. Though all of God's people have been living and serving through this challenging time, your kindness and love is felt by all of us. We are grateful to serve alongside all of you in contending for the faith of the gospel and building up the body of Christ, all for the glory of God. May our Lord grant to all of us his mercy and grace as we enter this new year.

Sincerely,
PCC Staff

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-20

Main Preaching Point: Since the Lord is victorious over sin, death, and the evil one, be strong in Him by putting on the armor of God

- Know your enemy: Living in a war that is vast and subtle (v.10-13)
- Know your armor: Putting on the equipment of God (v.13-17)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Title: Strong in the Lord

Questions:

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

Know your enemy: Living in a war that is vast and subtle (v.10-13)

2. Read v.10-13. What does it mean to "be strong in the Lord"?

According to these verses what is the reason that Paul gives for why believers need to be strong? Explain. Is it surprising that Paul casts the Christian faith in such warfare imagery? Explain. How might this direct the believer in thinking about the nature of Christian living?

- How would you describe (or define) the "schemes of the devil"? Why would Paul say "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood" when we know that people express opposition to the gospel and to the things of God? What is he getting at?

3. The believer wrestles against spiritual realities—"rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, present darkness, spiritual forces of evil in the

heavenlies" (v.12). How is the church to wrestle against spiritual realities?

Know your armor: Putting on the equipment of God (v.13-17)

4. Read v.13-17. Consider each piece of armor:

- The Belt of Truth. According to the sermon, what does this refer to? Read Isaiah 11:1-5. How does this belt point us to the Lord Jesus and to "putting on" Christ-like character (refer back to Eph.4:22-24).
- The Breastplate of Righteousness. What is this referring to and how should this be lived out in the Christian faith?
- Shoes for Your Feet. Consider or discuss the believer's calling and responsibility to make known the gospel. In what practical ways should this be done? Give examples.
- The Shield of Faith. In what ways does the evil one seek to accuse believers? How should the person and gospel of Christ "shield" or protect us from the accuser? Explain.
- The Helmet of Salvation. Read Isaiah 59:14-17. How is this helmet a reference to the victory of Christ? How should we apply this to the believer today?
- The Sword of the Spirit. What does the sword represent? Describe how you are yielding the sword in your daily battle as a Christian soldier.

5. In C.S. Lewis' book *Screwtape Letters* he imagines the conversations (or letters) between two demons who are seeking to deceive and lead astray Christian believers (i.e. the enemy). Listen to one letter: "*My dear Wormwood, I note with great displeasure that your patient has become a Christian...we must make the best of the situation. There is no need to despair; hundreds of these adult converts have been reclaimed after a brief sojourn in the Enemy's camp and are now with us. All the habits of the patient, both mental and bodily, are still in our favor.*" Discuss the place of Christian habits and what role they have in the battle of the Christian faith.

6. As you consider your Christian life today, what do you need most for strength and encouragement in the spiritual battle? Explain.