

The Lord's Day

January 24, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *"But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me."* -Psalm 13:5-6 (ESV)

Prelude *Standing in the Need of Prayer* arr. R. Vandall

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

* Call to Worship [Psalm 28:6-9](#)

* [Hymn 376](#) *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* NEANDER

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) Psalm 12

Leader: Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.

Leader: Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

Leader: May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
the tongue that makes great boasts,

Leader: "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD;

"I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

Leader: The words of the LORD are pure words,
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

Leader: You, O LORD, will keep them;
you will guard us from this generation forever.

Leader: On every side the wicked prowl,
as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1012) [James 2:14-26](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Still, My Soul, Be Still* arr. Getty/Townend

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* [Hymn 674](#) *I Need Thee Every Hour* SLANE

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. J. Pinkston
[Hymn 679](#)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *How Long, O LORD?* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Psalm 13:1-6](#) (Bible, p. 453)

* [Hymn 498](#) *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* HYFRYDOL

* 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.

Evening Service, 5:30 PM:

Join us for a special night of hymn and psalm singing around the fireplace in the Fellowship Hall.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 24, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig

Ushers: Randy Hershberger

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

January 31, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger

Ushers: Walter Mayo

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

Still, My Soul, Be Still

1. Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of
2. Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less-er
3. Still, my soul, be still; do not for-sake the truth you

change may rage to-mor-row. God is at your side; no long-er
lights and fleet-ing shad-ows. Hold on-to His ways, with shield of
learned in the be-gin-ning. Wait up-on the Lord, and hope will

dread the fires of un-ex-pec-ted sor-row.
faith a-gainst temp-ta-tion's flam-ing ar-rows.
rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

Refrain
God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be
God, you are my God my God, you are my God, trust You and not be
trust and
shak-en. Lord of peace, re-new a stead-fast
Lord of peace, re-new
spri-it with-in me to rest in You a-lone.

This Week at Church

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are available in the narthex and fellowship hall. They were also sent out as a PDF via email with the Sunday bulletin information on 1/8. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, February 18th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 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.

DISCOVERY CLASS

“The Discovery Class”, intended for regular visitors and inquirers is 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 begin on **Sunday, February 28th, at 9:30 AM, in the church library**. It will run for 8 weeks and be 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 or email Pastor Will at pastorjws@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Will through the church office: (860)742-7222.

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 11:32-40, 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 were mailed out this week.

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. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

How Long, O LORD?

Psalm 13:1-6

Main Preaching Point: Though you may feel disappointed, abandoned, or in pain, pour out your heart to the LORD so that in time you will experience a renewed trust, joy, and praise.

- The Cry of Abandonment—"How Long, O LORD?" (v.1-2)
- The Prayer for Help—"Answer me, O LORD" (v.3-4)
- The Recovered Trust in God—"I will sing to the LORD" (v.5-6)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Psalm 13:1-6

Title: How Long, O LORD?

Questions:

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

The Cry of Abandonment—"How Long, O LORD?" (v.1-2)

2. Read v.1-2. According to the sermon, how does Psalm 13 relate, compare, and differ to Psalm 12? David not only feels a pressure and loneliness as a result of opposition from man, but he is feeling a separation or abandonment from God. "How long will you hide your face from me?" What does the face of God represent? Read Numbers 6:22-26. Discuss.

- What are the things that might be distressing or sorrowful in your life? Can you relate to David's words and feelings? Explain.

3. As a result of feeling distressed, what does David do in v.2? What does it mean that he "takes counsel in his soul"? In times of distress and sorrow, how should we be talking to ourselves? See Psalm 42:11.

The Prayer for Help—"Answer me, O LORD" (v.3-4)

4. Read v.3-4. David "feels" an absence from God and thus, hopeless. However, is God actually absent? What is David doing which indicates that his feeling of hopelessness is fundamentally a feeling and not a reality?

5. What does it mean when David says, "light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death"?

The Recovered Trust in God—"I will sing to the LORD" (v.5-6)

6. Read v.5-6. What are the three things that bring comfort and consolation to David? What does it mean to trust? Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

- Discuss or consider challenging circumstances in your life and how v.5-6 might be applied to them.

7. How does Christ's suffering and cross provide help and remedy to those in the midst of suffering (e.g. loneliness, depression, sorrow, etc.)? Explain.

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. Relate.