

The Lord's Day

January 31, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

-Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)

Prelude *Seek Ye First* arr. G. Smith

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find.
K nock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Man shall not live my bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [1 Corinthians 1:28-31](#)

Leader: God chose what is low and despised in the world,
Even things that are not,

Leader: To bring to nothing things that are,
**so that no human being might boast in the presence of
God.**

Leader: And because of him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us wisdom from God,

Leader: Righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
**so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts,
boast in the Lord."**

* [Hymn 38](#) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* JOANNA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 284) [1 Kings 4:29-34](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1012) [James 3:1-18](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Beneath the Cross* arr. K. & K. Getty

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* [Hymn 460](#) *Amazing Grace!* AMAZING GRACE

Reception of New Members

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. M. Ham
w/ *Handel's Water* [Hymn 38](#)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon **The Door to Wisdom – The Fear of the LORD**
Text: [Proverbs 1:1-7](#) (Bible, p. 527) Pastor Will Snyder

* [Hymn 642](#) *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new members this morning: Taylor Gumm and Sophie Rooks.

Evening Service, 5:30 PM:

Please join us for our regular evening service at 5:30 PM. Elder Sterling Harmon will be preaching from Philippians 2:9-11. The sermon title is "The Name Above All Names".

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

February 7, 2021

Worship Leader: Pastor Lucas Dourado

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:

Beneath the Cross

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - 'ly is my the
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the

stand, and wond - der at such mer - cy that
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; now
crown, we fol - low in His foot - steps where

calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -
one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
prom - ised hope is found. How great this joy be -

card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be -
hon - or the ones that You have loved? Be -
fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be -

neath the cross of Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.
neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

This Week at Church

Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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 12:1-17, 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

The Doorway to Wisdom – The Fear of the LORD

Proverbs 1:1-7

Main Preaching Point: Since Christ Jesus contains all the riches of wisdom and knowledge, seek him by entering through the doorway of wisdom, which is the fear of the LORD.

- The Mission Statement: Knowing Wisdom
- The Two Paths: Wisdom and Folly
- The Author, Audience, and Structure
- The Doorway to Wisdom: The Fear of the LORD

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Proverbs 1:1-7

Title: The Doorway to Wisdom – The Fear of the LORD

Questions:

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

The Mission Statement: Knowing Wisdom

2. According to verses 2-6, what is the main purpose of the book of Proverbs? According to the sermon is there a difference between wisdom and knowledge? Explain.

3. What is wisdom? At the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, a sermon packed with wisdom for Christian living, he said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matt.7:24). How is wisdom a matter of life and death? Read Proverbs 13:14.

- How is Proverbs a book about the person and gospel of Christ? Discuss. Read Colossians 2:2-3.

The Two Paths: Wisdom and Folly

4. According to Proverbs 1:1-7 and the sermon, what are the two paths that one may take in Proverbs? How might these two paths relate to the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, in Genesis 2:9?

- Discuss the three groups of people represented in Proverbs. Namely, the wise, the foolish, and the simple.

The Author, Audience, and Structure

5. Proverbs is an anthology, a collection of sayings. Who is the author? (for more detail, read Proverbs 1:1, 10:1, 22:17, 24:23, 25:1, 30:1, 31:1). Who is the main audience (see for example 1:8 & 2:1)? Read 1 Kings 4:29-34.

- According to the sermon, how is the book of Proverbs structured?

The Doorway to Wisdom: The Fear of the LORD

6. Read Proverbs 1:7. What is the fear of the LORD? Why is an attitude of reverence and humility necessary when seeking knowledge and a godly life? Explain.

7. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30 and Matthew 13:54. How might the book of Proverbs reveal to us more clearly the person of Christ—both his wisdom and the ways we might conform to him? Discuss.

When God wants to drill a man,
And thrill a man,
And skill a man
When God wants to mold a man
To play the noblest part;
When He yearns with all His heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
Watch His methods, watch His ways!
How He ruthlessly perfects
Whom He royally elects!
How He hammers him and hurts him,
And with mighty blows converts him
Into shapes and forms of clay
Which only God can understand

How He bends but never breaks
When his good He undertakes;
How He uses whom He chooses,
And with mighty power infuses him
With every act induces him
To try His splendor out-
God knows what He's about."

– Anonymous