

The Lord's Day

April 11, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *"Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word...And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly...."*
-Acts 6:3-4, 7 (ESV)

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* ☩ [Hymn 170](#)
 Come Now Joy arr. J. Rizzo
 Carol Jones, piano

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) Ephesians 2
Leader: Consequently, we are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household,
People: Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
Leader: In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.
People: And in him we, too, are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

* [Hymn 347](#) *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 59) [Exodus 17:8-16](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1014) [1 Peter 2:1-12](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Speak, O Lord* arr. Getty/Townend

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *There Is a Redeemer* arr. M. Green

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Lead Kindly Light* arr. A. Assad

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

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon **Maintaining the Ministry** Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Acts 6:1-7](#) (Bible, p. 914)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Warrant and Nature of the Office of Elder and Deacon

Officer Vows

Question to the Congregation

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother, David Embree, as Deacon, and do you promise to yield to them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church entitles them? If so, raise your right hand.

Laying on of Hands, Prayer and Reception by Current Officers

Pronouncement

Charge to Officers

Charge to Congregation

* [Hymn 359](#) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

* 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.

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; _____
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face, _____

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Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O _____ for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in _____ that ho - ly place.

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Thank you, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, _____ and

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leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on _____ earth is done.

Words and music by Melody Green

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 11, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Ben Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Toni Kirk
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-*
No Evening Service

April 18, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Randy Hershberger
Audio: Ben Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	6:45 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Pete & Jill Benedict in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

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

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY MEETING

We will be gathering **tonight at 6:00 PM at PCC** for the young adult's monthly dinner. Right now, it looks like it's going to rain so we'll be staying indoors this time. There will be plenty of Mac and Cheese so bring your friends! Also, a side dish or dessert would be very welcome. Please rsvp to one of the young adults if you plan on attending. If you need more information on the young adult group or want to figure out how to join our Slack channel you can contact Andrew Sung at (919) 423-0328.

COMING EVENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Friday, April 16th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 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 Ecclesiastes 4-5, 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.

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

Update bulletins from RUF and the MNA Disaster Response Ministry are on the table by the door to the parking lot at the back of the Fellowship Hall, by the office. There is encouraging news about both of these important ministries extending their reach. Take a look when you have a moment.

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.

TODDLER TIME HELP NEEDED

Toddler Time is still looking for volunteers. If you have helped out in the past, or are interested in helping now, please contact Mark

Popovitch. Due to staffing issues, we are unable to restart Toddler Time at present. Any communicant members 18+ years old who have gone through our Child Protection training may help. The Toddler Time curriculum is easy to do and it is a joy to be able to share the gospel with these young children. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Popovitch (860-690-2470 or markpopovitch@gmail.com).

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE CLARKS

Pastor Bill and Cecelia Clark are now in TN where Bill is serving as Interim Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Tullahoma. Their new home address is 1203 East End Road, Manchester, TN 37355. (Bill said that there has got to be some sort of humor with the Lord to let them live in Manchester, CT while here and now Manchester, TN).

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Maintaining the Ministry

Acts 6:1-7

Main Preaching Point: So that the Word of the gospel would continue to flourish, God has fitted His church with a diversity of ministries to meet a diversity of needs

- Need: The Diversity of Needs among God's People (v.1-2)
- Remedy: The Diversity of Ministries to Serve God's People (v.3-6)
- Growth: The Increase of the Word Among God's People (v.7)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Acts 6:1-7

Title: Maintaining the Ministry

Questions:

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

Need: The Diversity of Needs among God's People (v.1-2)

2. Read v.1-2. We are told in verse 1 and 7 that the number of disciples were increasing. Read Acts 2:41 and 4:4. The church was experiencing great growth. In Acts 6, what is the particular challenge that has come as a result (in part) of such growth? Explain. Who are the Hellenists and Hebrews?

- Notice in verse 1 that both *complaining* and *neglect* are occurring among God's people. Is this surprising? How might this provide insight into the realities of life among the people of God? Discuss.

3. Discuss the diversity of needs in both Acts 6 and still today among the church. What would you identify as some of the greatest needs among the church today (locally, nationally, globally)?

Remedy: The Diversity of Ministries to Serve God's People (v.2-6)

4. Read v.2-6. Why didn't the Apostles take up the need of the daily distribution? What does this teach us about the ministry of the church? Explain.

5. What was the remedy to meet the growing and diverse needs among the church? What does this reveal about the development of the New Testament church?

- Describe the kind of men that were chosen to serve as deacons. Read also 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Discuss. What is distinct about these characteristics? Are any of these characteristics outside the scope of what all believers should pursue? Discuss.
- Through the text, what part did the larger body of believers play in calling deacons?
- What does it mean in v.6 that they "laid their hands on them"? Explain. Read also 2 Timothy 1:6.

6. How is the character of Christ reflected in the calling of the Diaconate? Explain.

Growth: The Increase of the Word among God's People (v.7)

7. Read v.7. What is the continued effect as a result of God's grace, Spirit, and the various ministries being carried out in the life of the church? Explain.

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 and Romans 12:3-8. Discuss and reflect on the calling Christ has upon you in the life of the body.