

# The Lord's Day

August 8, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."  
-1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (ESV)

Prelude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (rejoice, give thanks, and sing)* arr. J. Bennet Hymn 604

\* Call to Worship [Psalm 105:1-4](#)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually!**

\* Hymn 53 [Praise to the Lord, the Almighty](#) LOBE DEN HERREN

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 395) [Ezra 9:5-9](#)  
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 911) [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Hymn (insert) *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*  
arr. Getty/Townend

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 98 [Now Thank We All Our God](#) NUN DANKET

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Open My Eyes, That I May See* arr. R. Thomas

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Marks of a True Christian* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#) (Bible, p. 986)

\* Hymn 535 [O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus](#) EBENEZER

\* 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.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

**Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:**

Please join us at the Mayo and Mayhew's home, 30 Hampden Road, Stafford Springs, at 5:30 PM for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 8, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo  
Ushers: David Embree  
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Julia Lazzaro  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the Mayo & Mayhew's home*

August 15, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict  
Ushers: Howard Craig  
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Dee Volkert, Elisabeth Craig  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the Garrett's home*

## My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my  
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -  
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -

pain; who plumbd the depths of my dis - grace and  
side; who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and  
bove; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peacc, whose

gave me life a - gain. Who crushed my curse of  
caus - cs fears to fly. Whose cv - ery pro - mise  
ev - ery thought is love. For ev - ery day I

sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and  
is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -  
have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my  
tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with  
I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low

heart. Him. To love and fol - low Him.  
grace.

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## This Week at Church

Mon-Fri	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School
Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group at Ohlunds
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Sunday	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

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#### BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at the Mayo & Mayhew's home, 30 Hampden Road, Stafford Springs. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

### COMING EVENTS

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#### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will resume on August 25<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

## VBS NURSERY HELP NEEDED

I am looking for a few volunteers who could help in the nursery during this week of Vacation Bible School, August 9-13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon.

The nursery is available to those on our VBS staff who have little ones not yet old enough to attend VBS. This allows our VBS staff to be able to serve during the week and have their child taken care of. Whatever time you can give, even if it's just one day, would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Anita Hilinski (doggroom21@cs.com and (860) 716-4370

#### HARMONY BOLSTRIDGE'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

As we heard recently, Harmony Bolstridge (mother of Walt Bolstridge) is turning 100 on August 18<sup>th</sup>! Let's celebrate God's blessing on our sister by sending her some birthday cards!! Her address is: Harmony Bolstridge, Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center, 745 Main Street, E. Hartford, CT 06108.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Should we start a Prayer Shawl Ministry at PCC? Contact Sue Bird with your thoughts or questions: [suebird1968@gmail.com](mailto:suebird1968@gmail.com); (860) 872-3362; in person on Sunday. Thank you for your input.

#### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding, and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will ([pastorjws@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)) or the church office.

## *Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*

### *Marks of a True Christian*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Main Preaching Point:** When one receives the gospel not only in word but in full conviction, it produces a life that imitates the Lord Jesus, and produces the fruit of repentance and faith

- Thanksgiving—work of faith, labor of love, and steadfast hope (v.2-3)
- Imitators—demonstrating a Christ-like life amidst affliction (v.4-7)
- Repentance—turning from idols to the living God (v.9-10)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Title: Marks of a True Christian

Questions:

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

**Thanksgiving—work of faith, labor of love,  
and steadfast hope (v.2-3)**

2. Read Acts 17:1-9. What is the background to the church in Thessalonica? How did it come about and what were some of the distinct circumstances in which the believers came to faith?

3. Read verses 2-3. After Paul had sent Timothy back to the church to serve the people of God and report back their status, what do these verses reveal about the saints in this church?

- Discuss the three virtues that Paul identifies (e.g. “work of faith”, “labor of love”, and “steadfastness of hope”) and give examples of how these might be lived out in practice.
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. How do these words relate to “laboring in love” (1 Thess.1:3). What does it mean to “live quietly” and “mind your own affairs” in the context of the church?

**Imitators—demonstrating a Christ-like  
life amidst affliction (v.4-7)**

4. Read v.4-7. Should believers be seeking to imitate the faith of anyone other than that of Christ Jesus? Read Hebrews 13:7 and discuss.

5. In these verses (4-7), not only has Paul been an example to the believers in Thessalonica, but the believers have proven to be an example to many others throughout Macedonia. Who has been an example to you in your Christian faith? What is it about them that exemplifies Christ-likeness? Explain.

**Repentance—turning from idols to the living God (v.9-10)**

6. Read v.9-10. According to the sermon, how do these verses communicate both a heart of repentance as well as faith? What did these believers turn *from*? And what did they turn *to*?

- What is repentance? What is faith? Read Mark 1:14-15. Discuss the significance and relationship of Jesus' words to the expression of faith found in the Thessalonians.

7. The final verse of the section (1 Thess.1:10) speaks about the return of the Lord Jesus. This is a central theme that is found in almost every chapter of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Why is Paul emphasizing this? What place/role should the second coming have in our Christian faith and living?