

The Lord's Day

August 15, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."

-1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (ESV)

Prelude *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. B. Kauflin
Hymn 164

* Call to Worship [Ephesians 3:14-19](#)

* Hymn (insert) *Come, People of the Risen King* arr. Getty/Townend

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 398) [Nehemiah 1:1-11](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

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

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. R. Vandall
Hymn 691

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Ministry that Pleases God* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [1 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#) (Bible, p. 986)

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

* Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 845

The Lord's Supper *Break Thou the Bread of Life, God Will Take Care of
You/Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Hymns 146, 134/359

* Hymn 307 [Nothing but the Blood](#) PLAINFIELD

* 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.

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

Communion Reminder: The outside rows on each cup tray contain grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker served is gluten-free.

Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:

Please join us at Andrew & Marjorie Garrett's home, 93 Colburn Road, Canterbury, at 5:30 PM for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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*

August 22, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship): Toni Kirk, Natalie Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the
Hofmann's home*

Come, People of the Risen King

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come,
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep ing through the night. Come,
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith. Come,

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all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
those with full or emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver

9
1. Him, 2. cease, 3. call,
shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, (to Him,) where
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but
all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call, (them call,) the

13
stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er chil - dren in. Re -
fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
Truth that crics through cv - 'ry agc: "Our — God is all in all!"

17
joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one voice, O

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1. 2. 3. rit
Church of Christ, re - joice! Church of Christ, re - joice!

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday	6:30 PM	Fireside Youth Group
Sunday	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at Andrew & Marjorie Garrett's home, 93 Colburn Road, Canterbury. 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

HARMONY BOLSTRIDGE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!

As we heard recently, Harmony Bolstridge (mother of Walt Bolstridge) is turning 100 on August 18th! 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, August 26th 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.

HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday Evening, Sept 5th, we will end our Summer Backyard Fellowships by meeting at the church for a hymn sing and ice cream social. We will start at 6:30 PM, so please eat dinner beforehand. After a time of singing to the Lord, we will enjoy fellowship together with ICE CREAM! The church will supply the ice cream but if you desire you may bring toppings such as whipped cream, sundae syrup, nuts, crushed Oreos or Heath bars, chocolate chips, M&M's, gummies, sprinkles or any other toppings your heart desires!

SAVE THE DATE – CROCK-POT COOK-OFF!

The 6th Annual Crock-Pot Cook-Off will be on Sunday, September 12th following the morning worship service. More details to come!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, September 26th, 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) or the church office.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Ministry that Pleases God

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Main Preaching Point: Live the Christian life by being bold in declaring the gospel, motivated by pleasing God, and invested in the hearts of people.

- Boldness in declaring the gospel—Christ-centered ministry (v.1-3)
- Serving first the Lord—God-pleasing ministry (v.3-6)
- Gentleness and Exhortation—People-focused ministry (v.7-12)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Title: Ministry that Pleases God

Questions:

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

Boldness in declaring the gospel—Christ-centered ministry (v.1-3)

2. Read verses 1-3. According to these verses what was the focus of Paul's ministry in Thessalonica? What was the evidence that the gospel of God had power to transform life?

- What were the circumstances in Thessalonica that proved the power and worth of the gospel? And how did Paul's personal experience (both in Philippi and Thessalonica) give credence to the gospel's validity? Explain.

3. What is the 'gospel of God' (v.2)? And what does it reveal about man, God, and Christ? In what ways does a belief in the gospel distinguish one from the world?

Serving first the Lord—God-pleasing ministry (v.3-6)

4. Read verses 3-6. According to these verses what motivated Paul (as well as Silas and Timothy) in their teaching and ministry? Paul says, "so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts" (v.4). What is wrong and/or dangerous about serving to please man? Give examples of how this could be harmful and even destructive.

- What does it mean to serve with a heart to "please God" (v.4)? How might this holy motivation be freeing in ministry and service to the Lord?

5. At the beginning of verse 4 Paul says, "just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak..." According to the sermon, what made Paul, Silas, and Timothy *approved* by God? What does "approved" mean? How does it relate to being tested?

6. Consider your own heart; what motivates you in serving the Lord? Explain.

Gentleness and Exhortation—People-focused ministry (v.7-12)

7. Read verses 7-12. Though Paul was bold in proclaiming the gospel, how did he approach ministry according to these verses? Read Matthew 11:28-29. How does Paul's approach toward the believers in Thessalonica reflect that of the Lord Jesus Christ?

8. Consider Paul's "parental" approach to ministering: "we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother...like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you..." (v.7,11-12). Discuss practical ways you can adopt this model in your service for Christ, parenting at home, and ministry to others.