

# The Lord's Day

August 22, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers." -1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 (ESV)

Prelude *Standing on the Promises* arr. J. Pinkston

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

\* Call to Worship [Hebrews 10:19-23](#)

\* Hymn (insert) *Every Promise of Your Word* arr. Getty/Townend

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 400) [Nehemiah 4:1-14](#)  
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 818) [Matthew 13:1-9](#)

Hymn (insert) *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* arr. Grant/Smith

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 140 [O Word of God Incarnate](#) MUNICH

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* arr. M. Thompson  
Hymn 688

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Rightly Receiving the Word of God* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [1 Thessalonians 2:13-16](#) (Bible, p. 986)

\* Hymn 303 [Blessed Jesus, at Your Word](#) LIEBSTER JESU

\* 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 Jeff & Pam Hofmann's home, 66 Round Hill Drive, Coventry, at 5:30 PM for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# Every Promise of Your Word

1. From the break-ing of the dawn to the set-ting of the sun, I will  
 2. When I stum-ble and I sin, con-dem-na-tion press-ing in, I will  
 3. When I'm faced with an-guished choice, I will lis-ten for Your voice and I'll  
 4. Hope that lifts me from de-spair, love that casts out ev-'ry fear, as I

stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Words of pow-er, strong to  
 stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. You are faith-ful to for  
 stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Through this dark and trou-bled  
 stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Not for-sak-en, not a-

save, that will nev-er pass a-way, I will stand on ev-'ry  
 give that in free-dom I might live, so I stand on ev-'ry  
 land You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on ev-'ry  
 lone, for the Com-for-ter has come, and I stand on ev-'ry

prom-ise of Your Word. For Your cov-e-nant is sure and on  
 prom-ise of Your Word. Guilt to in-no-cence re-stored, You re  
 prom-ise of Your Word. And You've prom-ised to com-plete - ev-'ry  
 prom-ise of Your Word. Grace suf-fi-cient, grace for me, grace for

this I am se-cre I can stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word.  
 mem-ber sins no more so I stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word.  
 work be-gun in me so I'll stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word.  
 all who will be-lieve we will stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word.

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# Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my

path. 1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way,  
 2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, my

still you're there right be-side me. And noth-ing will I fear as  
 heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and

long as You are near, please be near me to the end.  
 hold me to Your side, I will love You to the end.

**Coda**  
 path, and a light un-to my path.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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*

August 29, 2021

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Lucas Dourado  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Howard Craig  
**Ushers:**  
**Audio:** Zeb Sinnamon  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Kevin Hilinski, Terri Christians  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:**  
**Evening Audio:** *Backyard Fellowship at the Goodale's home*

## This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday	6:30 PM	Fireside Youth Group
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 Jeff & Pam Hofmann's home, 66 Round Hill Drive, Coventry. 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 this 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.

#### HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday Evening, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### CROCK POT COOK-OFF!



Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> will be our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Crock Pot Cook-Off! We will be welcoming back our college students with encouragement & love after the worship service. There will be medals and awards for the best chili, best non-chili, runner ups for each, and for the first empty pot. If you'd like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the back table of the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for some delicious food and fellowship!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will resume on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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](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.

### 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*

### *Rightly Receiving the Word of God*

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

**Main Preaching Point:** Since the Word of God is of divine origin and has supreme worth, endure in it even in the midst of suffering

- Rightly receiving the Word of God (v.13)
  - The divine origin of the Word
  - The supreme worth of the Word
- Enduring in the Word amidst suffering (v.14-16)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Title: Rightly Receiving the Word of God

**Questions:**

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

#### **Rightly receiving the Word of God (v.13)**

2. Read verse 13. What is Paul expressing thanks for? Describe how the Thessalonians received the Word of God which Paul and his companions preached to them.

3. According to the text and the sermon, what are the two necessary requirements in order to rightly receive God's Word? Why is it important (and necessary) for one to receive the Word as from God—meaning, of divine origin? Explain. Is it possible to recognize the divine origin of God's Word and it have little to no effect upon that person's heart? Read James 2:19. Discuss.

- Why is it important and necessary to receive God's Word as having supreme worth? What is the result if a person doesn't see the supreme value and worth of God's Word? How will the Word affect such a person? Explain.
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16. How do you see the divine origin as well as supreme worth of the Word in this passage?

4. Consider your own life and practice—what role is God's Word playing in the shaping of your thoughts, actions, and motivations? Do you have a regular practice of reading, meditating, and reflecting upon the Word? In what way(s) would you like to grow in recognizing the supreme value of God's Word and making a practical commitment to it?

#### **Enduring in the Word amidst suffering (v.14-16)**

5. Read verses 14-16. According to these verses how did the Thessalonians demonstrate a sincerity of faith and the reality that the Word of God was working in them?

6. Though the Word of the gospel is precious, there are consequences in receiving it. What were those consequences for the Thessalonians?

7. Hebrews 10:35 says, "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised." In what way(s) might you need to endure in obedience to God's Word?

"I have thought I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God and returning to God; just hovering over the great gulf, till a few moments hence I am no more seen. I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing, the way to heaven—how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way: for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri (a man of one book)." John Wesley, *Preface to sermons on several occasions*, 1746. The works of John Wesley