

The Lord's Day

September 5, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more."

-Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

Prelude *Whiter Than Snow* arr. D. Forrest

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever
to live in my soul, Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

- * Call to Worship [Acts 4:10-12](#)
- * Hymn 263 [Lift High the Cross](#) CRUCIFER
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 404) [Nehemiah 8:9-12](#)
(continuous reading)
- New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 978) [Ephesians 5:15-17](#)
- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn (insert) *O Breath of God (the Risen Christ)*
arr. Getty/Medeira
- ** Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. R. Vandall
Hymn 360
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDT
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *The Will of God for Your Life* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [1 Thessalonians 4:1-8](#) (Bible, p. 987)
- * Hymn 469 [How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place](#) ST. COLUMBA
- * Confession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q1. Responsive Reading

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor: He has fully paid for all my sins, with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

People: He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven

All: In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Lord's Supper *The Lord's My Shepherd* Hymns 86
& *Be Thou My Vision* & 642

Deacon's Offering *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. L. Shackley
Hymn 535

- * Hymn (insert) *Hallowed be the Name* arr. L. Green
- * 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.

Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM:

Please join us at the church at 6:30 PM for a Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social. See Announcements for more details.

* Congregation Standing
** Congregation Kneeling

Hallowed Be the Name

mp 1. Hal-low-ed be the name of Je - - sus.
 2. Wor - thy is the Lamb, Lord Je - - sus.

Ho - ly is the name of Je - - sus. Oth - er
 Right-eous I can stand in Je - - sus. We were
 Ho - ly
 Right - eous

king - doms rise and fall, but He reign - eth o - ver all.
 chained to death but then you raised us up a - gain.

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O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)

1. O Breath of God, come fill this place;
 2. O Word of God, so clear and true,
 3. O Love of God, so un - strained,
 4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

4
 re - vive our hearts to know Your grace and
 re - new our minds to trust in You; and
 re - fresh our souls in Je - sus' name. Let
 and God the Spi - rit make us one; in

8
 from our slum - ber make us rise, that
 give to us the Bread of Life, that
 us re - flect Your sac - ri - fice, that
 hol - i - ness let us u - nite, that

12
 we may know the ris - en Christ.
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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 5, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Hymn Sing* &
Ice Cream Social

September 12, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Anthony Lazzaro
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *No Evening Service*

This Week at Church

Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Sunday	12:00 PM	Crock Pot Cook-Off

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This evening, 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!

COMING EVENTS

CROCK POT COOK-OFF!

Sunday, September 12th will be our 6th 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!



AN INVITATION TO ALL KNITTERS/CROCHETERS

The PCC Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first "meeting/gathering/fellowship" on **Wednesday, September 15th**. We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM for about an hour and will

knit/crochet Prayer Shawls for distribution by the congregation. We plan to meet the third Wednesday of each month and hope you will join us when you can. When we have a supply of shawls, we will make them available for distribution.

Sue Bird (suebird1968@gmail.com) (860-872-3362)

3RD ANNUAL PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

Pastor Will and family would like to invite ALL of you-our church family and friends to our 3rd Annual Pastor Open House. Please join us for Fall-themed cuisine, yard games, a trail hike, bonfire, live music and fun memories! There is no parking available onsite. Plan to leave your car at Valley Falls Park parking lot (300 Valley Falls Road, Vernon) and take the shuttle bus/van or walk .25mile up the hill. We give thanks to God for you. Blessings in Christ, The Snyder's

A graphic for the 3rd Annual Pastor Open House. It features a yellow background with horizontal stripes. The text is in black and white, with 'OPEN' in large, bold, white letters on a black background. The text reads: '3RD ANNUAL PASTOR OPEN HOUSE · SUNDAY 09/26/21 NOON-6 @ THE HATCH HOUSE: 31 HATCH HILL ROAD, VERNON, CT. FALL.FOOD.FELLOWSHIP.FRIENDS.' There is a small logo for 'WORLD Sunday' in the bottom right corner.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Hospitality Team will be hosting the **Sunday School Picnic** which will be held on **Saturday, October 2nd from Noon to 5:00 PM at the Laurel Grove Pavilion at Wickham Park in Manchester.** Everyone in the church is invited! Come and enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun! Please mark your calendars now to save the date! More information to come

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A Wednesday afternoon Bible study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

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.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MINISTRY

In the past year we started a new ministry at PCC consisting of numerous discipleship groups. This was the result of a conviction and belief that discipleship is at the heart of following and growing in the Lord Jesus. Discipleship groups consist of 2-6 people of the same gender from the ages of 18 and above who gather on a regular basis to encourage one another in their life and Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or how to get involved, we invite you to attend a brief meeting (30 minutes) after worship on **Sunday, October 3rd**. We will be holding two meetings, one for men (led by Pastor Will in Sunday school room #1) and the other for women (led by Hannah Sung in the library). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Will at the church office: 860.742.7222 or Hannah Sung: 862.334.3839

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Will of God for Your Life

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Main Preaching Point: In light of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, pursue a holy life, not as a way to obtain life with God but as an expression of the new life he has granted you through the Spirit.

- The Call to Holiness (v.1-3,7)
- The Character of Holiness (v.3-7)
 - Personal Purity
 - Relational Purity
- The Gift of a Holy God (v.8)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Title: The Will of God for Your Life

Questions:

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

The Call to Holiness (v.1-3,7)

2. Read verses 1-3, & 7. According to these verses and the sermon, what is the calling that every believer has? What is the metaphor that Paul uses to describe the Christian life and journey?

- Read Ephesians 5:15-17. How do these verses relate? According to the sermon, the greek word Paul uses for "look carefully how you walk...", is where we derive the word "acrobat." That is, the Christian does not live aimlessly or in a meandering way, but wisely. In what ways is wisdom needed to know the will of God?

3. Discuss the following statement: Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (on the calling to pursue holiness) are not the cause of life with God, but rather a response to the life that God by his grace has already granted them." Why is reading Paul's words in light of what he has already stated in the letter important (e.g. God chose them and loved them; they responded to the gospel and Word of God; 1:4-5; 2:13-14)? Explain. What is the danger of pursuing holiness without remembering the grace of God in granting new life through faith?

The Character of Holiness (v.3-7)

4. Read verses 3-7. According to these verses, what does Paul focus on regarding the life of holiness?

- What is "sexual immorality"? According to the sermon, what sins would fit it in this category? Read Romans 6:19-22. In C.S. Lewis' *The Weight of Glory*, he writes: "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." Discuss.
- For what reason(s) should one seek sexual holiness and purity and avoid (or mortify) sexual sin? Is obedience to God the only reason? Any other reasons? Explain.

5. Focus on verses 6-7. According to the sermon, what is Paul speaking about?

The Gift of a Holy God (v.8)

6. Read verse 8. According to this verse what primary resource has the Lord provided for living in holiness? Who is the Holy Spirit? Reflect on the reality that God the Holy Spirit lives within you, if indeed you be *in Christ!*

9. How does this passage as a whole reflect the person and work of Christ? Explain.