

# The Lord's Day

September 19, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another..."  
-1 Thessalonians 4:9 (ESV)

Prelude *We Will Glorify the King of Kings with Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* arr. M. Ham Hymn 498

We will glorify the King of kings, We will glorify the Lamb,  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.  
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, We will bow before his throne,  
We will worship him in righteousness, We will worship him alone.

\* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [John 14](#)

Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

**People: In my Father's house are many rooms.**

Leader: If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

**People: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself.**

Leader: And you know the way to where I am going.

**People: Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"**

Leader: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

\* Hymn 181 [We Come, O Christ, to You](#) DARWALL

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 406) [Nehemiah 10:28-39](#)  
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 900) [John 13:31-35](#)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 629 [What a Friend We Have in Jesus](#) WHAT A FRIEND

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

Offertory *Jesus the King Medley* arr. V. Labenske

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Concerning Brotherly Love* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [1 Thessalonians 4:9-12](#) (Bible, p. 987)

\* Hymn 355 [We Are God's People](#) SYMPHONY

\* Confession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* Hymnal, pg. 845

The Lord's Supper *Fairest Lord Jesus  
& Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymns 170  
& 100

\* Hymn 295 [Crown Him with Many Crowns](#) DIADEMATA

\* 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.

**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.

**Evening Service, 6:00 PM:**

Join us as we resume our regular Sunday Evening worship tonight starting at 6:00 (note the time change this year). We will begin a series of sermons on the Life of Elijah. Tonight, Mark Popovitch will be preaching from 1 Kings 16:29-17:1, "Dwelling in the Age of Ahab".

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 19, 2021

**Worship Leader:** Elder Scott Warren  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Walter Mayo  
**Ushers:** Scott Bolliger  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Howard Craig, Mary Wiley  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:**  
**Evening Audio:**

September 26, 2021

**Worship Leader:** Elder Doug Fox  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Peter Benedict  
**Ushers:** Howard Craig  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Katie Lazzaro  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:**  
**Evening Audio:**

## This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	Session/Deacons' Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> 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



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Annual Sunday School Picnic (open to all!) will take place on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at beautiful Wickham Park, 1329 Middle Turnpike West in Manchester, starting at noon. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks – bring a dish or dessert to share. Games and activities are being planned. Identify your car as

“PCC” at the gate for free parking. A sign-up sheet and flyers are on the back table of the Fellowship Hall.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### 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.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time again to begin gathering small gifts to fill boxes which will be sent to children around the world. Samaritan's Purse co-ordinates with local churches to deliver these Christmas gifts along with opportunities to learn more about Jesus. Empty boxes will be available at the back of the fellowship hall starting **TODAY**. Return your filled boxes to the same location by Nov. 15th. If you have any questions you can ask Laurie Warren, Sharon Fox or Elizabeth Koopman. For more information, to track your package or to participate by giving a donation for shipping please go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

### 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.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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

### NEW BABY!

Congratulations to David & Rachel Embree on the birth of their son, Bennett Osmium Embree. He was born on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:47 AM, weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

### NEW ADDRESS FOR PASTOR EVANS & PATSY

Pastor Evans & Patsy's new address, as of 9/21, will be:

Brad & Patsy Evans  
386 Plumtree Road  
Springfield, MA 01118

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

### *Concerning Brotherly Love*

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

**Main Preaching Point:** The practical way you live your life is a vital testimony to the gospel of Jesus Christ

- The Reason for a Proper Witness (v.12)
- The Practical Precepts for a Proper Witness (v.9-11)
  - Love of one another (v.9-10)
  - Living quiet lives (v.11)
  - Minding your own affairs (v.11)
  - Working with your hands (v.11)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Title: Concerning Brotherly Love

**Questions:**

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

#### **The Reason for a Proper Witness (v.12)**

2. According to verse 12, what is the reason Paul gives for demonstrating brotherly love, aspiring to a quiet life, and conducting oneself in a godly way?

- What does it mean to "walk properly before outsiders"? Who are "outsiders"? Should Christians be concerned about their reputation before the world? Read Colossians 4:5-6.

3. Paul's words express a missional thrust. The Thessalonians conduct and the way they relate to each other impacts the world. Read Jesus' words in John 13:34-35. According to these verses, how does the world know believers

are disciples of Christ? How does this relate to Paul's words in Thessalonians? Explain.

4. If "brotherly love" (v.9) is a necessary part of "walking properly" before outsiders (v.12), what does this reveal about the place and priority of church community? Discuss.

#### **The Practical Precepts for a Proper Witness (v.9-11)**

5. Paul not only highlights the importance of the church's reputation before the world, but how to demonstrate a godly reputation. Read verses 9-11. There are four actions which Paul calls the Thessalonians to carry out:

- "Brotherly love" (v.9-10). Discuss examples of what brotherly love looks like. Some would suggest that there are two main dangers when it comes to love. One danger is that we do not show love to each other. The other danger is to show too much love, but in the wrong way. Do you agree? What are examples of seeking to love, but in unhelpful (or even hurtful) ways? Explain.
- "Living quiet lives" (v.11). According to the sermon what does this mean? Paul is not calling for believers to live in solitude and isolation. Rather, he's calling for people to not intrude in such a way as to become a burden. Discuss examples.
- "Minding your own affairs" (v.11). This is similar to "living quiet lives." According to the sermon, what was one of the concerns or struggles the Thessalonians faced? Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.
- "Working with your hands" (v.11). Why is Paul calling them to this?

6. How are the above characteristics helpful for church life? How do they demonstrate Christ-like love?