

The Lord's Day

September 26, 2021 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

-1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (ESV)

Prelude *There Is a Redeemer* arr. V. Labenske

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one
When I stand in glory, I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O, my Father, for giving us your son
And leaving your spirit, 'till the work on earth is done

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 9](#)

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most high.

* Hymn 604 [Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart](#) MARION

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 408) [Nehemiah 12:27-30, 44-47](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 966) [2 Corinthians 4:13-18](#)

Hymn (insert) *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
arr. M. Papa/M. Boswell/M. Bleecker

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Hallelujah!* arr. P. S. Jones

Reception of New Member

Sacrament of Baptism

** Pastoral Prayer

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Offertory *Be Still, My Soul* arr. C. Rice

Hymn 689

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Good and Godly Grief* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) (Bible, p. 987)

* Hymn 101 [Come, Thou Almighty King](#) TRINITY

* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving new member, Roger Marinelli, into our PCC family.

Pastor's Open House, 12:00 PM:

Please join us following the morning worship service for the Pastor's Open House. See Announcements for more details.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Am F Am

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; He the per - fect Son of
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; Christ the Lord up - on the
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; slain by death, the God of

1 G(sus4) Am F C/E

King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robbed in
 Man. In his liv - ing, in his suf - fering, nev - er
 tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the

4 Dm7 G7 C F

frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re -
 Lord, he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

7 Em Am Am/G F G7(sus4)

dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
 A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man, Christ the
 demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold, bring - ing
 liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in

10 Am F C/E Dm7 G7 Am

Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured love un - told!
 pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

Hallelujah!

1. What can sep - ar - ate my soul
 2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword
 3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then?
 4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be
 5. We face death for God each day;

3

from the God who made me whole,
 brought by those who hate my Lord?
 Wick - ed - ness dreamed up by men?
 by the God who set us free;
 what can pluck us from his way?

5

wrote my name in heav - en's scroll?
 Slan - der here? Or no re - ward?
 Per - se - cu - tions come a - gain?
 what can there - fore con - quer me?
 Let God's peo - ple ev - er say,

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Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 26, 2021

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

October 3, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30: Mark Popovitch
10:30 (*Worship*): Mary Wiley, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	12:00 PM	Sunday School Picnic
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class
	12:00 PM	Discipleship Group Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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



COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Annual Sunday School Picnic (open to all!) will take place on Saturday, October 2nd 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

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. 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/

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

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to David & Rachel Embree on the birth of their son, Bennett Osmium Embree. He was born on September 13th 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

Good and Godly Grief

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Main Preaching Point: Since Christ is risen from the dead, do not grieve hopelessly over the reality of death, but encourage one another through the hope obtained in Jesus and our reunion with him

- Grief in the reality of death (v.13)
- Hope in the reality of Christ's coming (v.14-17)
- Application: Encourage one another (v.18)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Title: Good and Godly Grief

Questions:

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

Grief in the reality of death (v.13)

2. Read v.13. Why is Paul addressing the issue of death and those who have fallen "asleep"? What is the broader context? Paul says, "that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." Is there anything wrong with grieving? What is Paul specifically concerned with?

- Why is it problematic if we define life as merely the time between birth and physical death? Is that view represented by segments of our society today? Explain. How does Paul remind and reshape the believers view regarding life and God's unfolding plan of redemption? Explain.

Hope in the reality of Christ's coming (v.14-17)

3. Read v.14-17. According to these verses, where is the believer's hope found? Read 1 Corinthians 15:13-14. If Christ was not raised, how then would the believer's faith be in vain? Explain.

- How are these verses a comfort for those who have lost Christian friends or loved ones?

4. According to verse 16, what are the three sounds that will summon the dead to wake from their slumber? Read also 1 Corinthians 15:52.

5. Consider your own life. Where do you find hope? Why can't this world or anything in it offer true, enduring hope? Discuss.

6. What are some of the ways our culture addresses the reality of death? What is our societies effort to remedy death? How is the Christian's view different? Discuss.

Application: Encourage one another (v.18)

7. Read v.18. According to this verse what is the practical application? How can the church encourage one another amidst the reality of death and the sufferings of this present life? Explain.