

The Lord's Day

October 24, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."
-1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

Prelude *When We All Get to Heaven*

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be.
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.
When we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will overspread the sky.
But when travelin' days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 145:10-13](#)

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

Leader: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

* Hymn 677 [Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!](#) ACCLAIM

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 448) [Psalm 2](#)
(continuous reading in book one of the Psalms)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 896) [John 10:22-30](#)

Hymn 402 [Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide](#) EVENTIDE

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 32 [Great Is Thy Faithfulness](#) FAITHFULNESS

** Pastoral Prayer

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Offertory *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* Hymn 541

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Blessing of God* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [1 Thessalonians 5:23-28](#) (Bible, p. 988)

* Hymn (insert) *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*
arr. McCracken/Moore

* 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.

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Please join us for our regular Sunday evening worship service tonight, starting at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our series on the Life of Elijah. Mark Popovitch will be preaching from 1 Kings 17:17-24, "Death--The Final Frontier".

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

October 24, 2021

Worship Leader: Pastor Lucas Dourado

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict

Ushers: Jeff Edwards

Audio: Benjamin Bassett

Nursery: 9:30: Sue Owens

10:30 (Worship): Terri Christians

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

October 31, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo

Ushers: Scott Bolliger

Audio: Benjamin Bassett

Nursery: 9:30: Mark Popovitch

10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Julia Lazzaro

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done good things we will say to - ge - ther.

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We will feast and weep no more.

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Verse

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our
2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my soul be not a-
3. Ev-ery vow we've bro - ken and betrayed, You are the faith - ful

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God we are not con - sumed by the flood. Up -
fraid for the pro - mised morn - ing, O how long, O
one, and_ from the gar - den to the grave, bind

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held pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
God of Ja - cob bc - my strength.
us to - geth - er bring - sha - lom.

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This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	9:00 PM	All-Church Workday
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class
	6:00 PM	Reformation Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY

The fall All-Church Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30th at 9:00 AM**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall with the indoor and outdoor tasks needed to be done to prepare the church for the cold weather.

OCTOBER YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

The young adults group will be meeting for chili and a bonfire **Saturday October 30th at 6:30 PM at the Snyder's home** (31 Hatch Hill Rd in Bolton). Please reach out to Andrew Sung (919-423-0328) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

REFORMATION DAY SERVICE

On Sunday, **October 31st at 6:00 PM**, we will be hosting a Reformation service joined by some of our sister-churches. We encourage you to come and worship our glorious God, fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and celebrate the fruits of the reformation.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 7th so don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th!

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.

SPREAD WARMTH THIS WINTER!

It's that time of year again. Temps are dropping, so it's time to dig into your closets and pull out those winter coats that don't fit or you're not longer using.

Throughout the month of November, Nancy Franson will be collecting coats (men/women/children) that will be distributed via The Salvation Army throughout the state.

Look for more detail in the November newsletter. Questions? Contact Nancy: 860.933.9776; nofranson@gmail.com

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/

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Blessing of God

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Main Preaching Point: Because of the heart and faithfulness of God, you have the assurance that his sanctifying grace will find its completion in your life

- The Promise of God's Blessing
- The Nature of God's Blessing
- The Assurance of God's Blessing

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Title: The Blessing of God

Questions:

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

The Promise of God's Blessing

2. According to the sermon, what is a benediction? Read Numbers 6:22-27 and Hebrews 13:20-21. What is included in these benedictions or blessings?

3. Read v.23-24. How are Paul's words not merely a wish or his own personal desire for this church? Explain. Wherein lies the promise?

- Read Romans 8:32. Given this text and the blessings/benedictions throughout Scripture, how would you describe God's primary posture toward his own people? Discuss.

The Nature of God's Blessing

4. Consider the whole passage, particularly focusing on v.23. What is the blessing that Paul pronounces and promises? Describe it.

- Why does Paul refer to the Lord as "the God of peace", and what are the implications for Christians? In what way(s) does the believer experience peace from God?
- What does it mean that God will "sanctify completely" the believer? Paul mentions that this is the work of God. Does man have an active role in it? Discuss the relationship between God and man in the work of sanctification. In this passage, who receives greater attention?

5. Does God desire to prosper his people? Are Paul's words some kind of "prosperity gospel"? What is the difference between the true gospel and a false prosperity gospel? Discuss.

The Assurance of God's Blessing

6. Read v.24. What does this passage reveal about God? How does this relate to God's character and the believers assurance? Read Philippians 1:6. Do you have assurance of your salvation and God's good purposes for you in life and in death? Why or why not?

- Pray to the Lord for his calling for a holy life and for the assurance of your salvation by his work in you.