

The Lord's Day

October 31, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."
-2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (ESV)

Prelude *Revive Us Again (Hallelujah! Thine the Glory)* Hymn 179

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 73:25-28](#)

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Leader: My flesh and my heart may fail,

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader: For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;

You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you;

Leader: But for me it is good to be near God

**I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.**

* Hymn 38 [Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#) JOANNA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 448) [Psalm 3](#)
(continuous reading in book one of the Psalms)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 818) [Matthew 13:18-23](#)

Hymn 550 [There Is a Land of Pure Delight](#) MEDITATION

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *In Christ Alone* arr. Getty/Townend

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Hymn 92

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Present Suffering, Future Glory* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [2 Thessalonians 1:1-12](#) (Bible, p. 989)

* Hymn 691 [It Is Well with My Soul](#) VILLE DU HAVRE

* 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.

Reformation Service, 6:00 PM:

Tonight 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. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

November 7, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Howard Craig
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (Worship): Howard Craig, Julia Wilson
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio:

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full-ness of god in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life nor fear of death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

Song; this Cor - ner - stone, this Sol - id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

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fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save; 'Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

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peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - fort -
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for cv - cry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re -

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er, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This Week at Church

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| Monday | 1:00 PM | Women's Prayer Group |
| Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Prayer Gathering |
| Saturday | 7:00 AM | Men's Covenant Group |
| Sunday | 2:00 AM | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| | 9:30 AM | Discovery Class |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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!

PCC PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the PCC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on **Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30 PM.** We invite any and all crocheters/knitters to join us at any of our meetings. Won't you consider joining us? We meet at the church in Conference Room Please enter at the back door. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Bird (suebird1968@gmail.com) (860-872-3362)

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

Present Suffering, Future Glory

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Main Preaching Point: Your present suffering & kingdom worth not only reveal the righteous judgment of God, but at the coming of Christ God will put the world to right and bring you into a wonderful glory in Christ.

- Present Affliction: Enduring suffering
- Future Relief: Vengeance upon the godless
- Ultimate Glory: Reunion with Christ

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Title: Present Suffering, Future Glory

Questions:

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

Present Affliction: Enduring suffering

2. Read verse 5. According to the sermon, what is Paul referring to by the word "this"? In the previous two verses (v.3-4) Paul expresses thanks for the Thessalonians' growing faith, increased love, steadfastness of faith, and endurance amidst affliction. How do these things evidence "the righteous judgment of God" (v.5)? Explain.

3. According to this passage, what is the purpose of suffering, persecution, and enduring affliction? Read also James 1:2-4. Discuss.

- Read Matthew 13:18-23. Focus on Jesus' explanation of the "rocky" and "thorny" ground. What disrupts the seed from

sinking deeper into the soil? How do these words relate to suffering and the Thessalonian passage?

Future Relief: Vengeance upon the godless

4. Read v.5-10. Though God's judgment is present in that he declares and judges rightly those who are his followers, how does God's judgment point forward to the end of history at Christ's second coming? Explain.

5. According to v.7, what does God grant to his people? What will we be comforted and relieved from? How does the Christian already possess relief/comfort, and how will it be different at the coming of Christ? How should Christ's second coming help shape the way we view present suffering and evil? Explain.

6. According to Paul's words describe the second coming of Christ. In what manner does the Lord come? For what purpose(s)?

- What is the reason that Jesus inflicts vengeance on the reprobate? Discuss how this is just.
- What does it mean that Jesus will be glorified in his saints?

Ultimate Glory: Reunion with Christ

7. Read v.11-12. How do these verses relate to what Paul has already stated?