

# The Lord's Day

November 7, 2021 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming."  
-2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (ESV)

Prelude *Regal Medley (For All the Saints, Immortal, Invisible, All Hail the Power)* Hymns 358, 38 & 296

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 981) [Philippians 2:9-11](#)

\* Hymn 163 [At the Name of Jesus](#) KING'S WESTON

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 448) [Psalm 4](#)  
(continuous reading in book one of the Psalms)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1034) [Revelation 12:7-12](#)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn (insert) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. S. Townend

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *There Is a Higher Throne* arr. K & K Getty  
Vocalist, Elisabeth Craig

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Christ Comes and Conquers: Calm Down!*  
Text: [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#) (Bible, p. 989)  
Pastor Will Snyder

\* Hymn 241 [Thou Dost Reign on High](#) MARGARET

The Lord's Supper *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Hymn 338

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Hymn 468  
*w/ Brahms's 3<sup>rd</sup> Symphony*

Deacon's Offering *I Love to tell the Story* Hymn 478

\* Hymn 455 [And Can It Be That I Should Gain](#) SAGINA

\* 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Barbara Crickmore for Veteran's Day. They are in honor of her husband, **Jim Crickmore**, and her son **Kenneth**, and all who have served and are serving in the military.

## Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Our evening service closes out the Lord's Day in corporate worship. Plan on joining your redeemed brothers and sisters in Christ tonight, starting at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Elder Sterling Harmon will be delivering God's Word to us from 1 Kings 17:17-24, "To Boldly Pray".

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

November 14, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards  
Ushers: David Embree  
Audio: Timothy Owens  
Nursery: 9:30: Elizabeth Sundet  
10:30 (Worship): Amber Popovitch, Katie Lazzaro  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-  
No Evening Service*

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-sure, that  
2. Be-hold the man up-on the cross, my sin up-on his shoul-ders; a-  
3. I will not boast in an-y-thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom; but

3  
he should give his on-ly Son to make a wretch his trea-sure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof-fers. It  
I will boast in Je-sus Christ, his death and res-ur-rec-tion. Why

5  
great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns his face a-way, as  
was my sin that held him there, un-til it was ac-com-plished; his  
should I gain from his re-ward? I can-not give an an-swer, but

7  
wounds that mar the Cho-sen One bring  
dy-ing breath has brought me life: I  
this I know with all my heart, his

8  
ma-ny sons to glo-ry.  
know that it is fin-ished.  
wounds have paid my ran-som.

## 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
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class
	12:00 PM	Shepherding Groups

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### PCC PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the PCC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### PCC TURKEY BOWL

You're probably wondering, what on earth is the Turkey Bowl? Well, on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** both youth and adults are invited to participate in a friendly game of football. The key word is "friendly". And for those of you who may be a little intimidated, this is not tackle! This is a friendly game of flag football. Boys and girls, men and women are welcome, whatever your skill level. The location of the game will be communicated next week. There will be water, hot cider, and some other refreshments available. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com; 253.880.8285). Let's bring in the Thanksgiving season with the Turkey Bowl!

#### FAMILY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

All are invited to attend our annual Family Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM**. We will gather in the Sanctuary for a time of singing and giving thanks for God's

faithfulness over the past year. We will then have a time of fellowship and eating of pies! Please plan to come and enjoy this wonderful church family event. There is a clipboard in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for pies, drinks, setup, and clean-up.

#### LESSONS & CAROLS JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

On **December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:00 PM** at the **West Hartford Church** (located at The Farmington Avenue Baptist Church: 155 Mountain Rd. West Hartford),

we are invited to join with our sister churches to worship our Lord through lessons and carols. As we draw near to Christmas and the great celebration of our Lord's incarnation, let us join together in fellowship and adoration of our great and glorious king.

### 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.

#### 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 are available at the back of the fellowship hall. Return your filled boxes to the same location by **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, you can ask Laurie Warren, Sharon Fox or Elizabeth Koopman.

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

### *Christ Comes and Conquers: Calm Down!*

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Main Preaching Point:** Though spiritual warfare marks the time preceding the coming of the Lord Jesus, we may have peace and stable minds by loving God's truth and being found in Him who conquers all

- Paul's Pastoral Concern: calm down!
  - The Coming of Christ: Two Prerequisites
    - The Rebellion
    - The Man of Lawlessness
- The Destruction of the lawless one: the breath of Christ
  - Loving the truth: life amidst the spirit of the lawless one

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Title: Christ Comes and Conquers: Calm Down!

**Questions:**

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

#### **Paul's Pastoral Concern: calm down!**

2. Read v.1-2. What is Paul's pastoral concern for these believers? What is the theological concern? What are some of the reasons that people in society, and even in the church become infatuated with the theme of the apocalypse? Why do people become anxious about it? Discuss.

- Should the last days or even the day of the Lord bring worry in the life of the believer? Explain. What in the overall text should drive a person to peace and calm?

## The Coming of Christ: Two Prerequisites

3. Read v.3-4. According to the text, what are the two prerequisites that must take place prior to the coming of Christ? What is the rebellion (apostasy)? What is the difference between apostasy and paganism? What or who is the man of lawlessness? Describe what he does. In whose power/activity does he carry out his work?

4. Does Paul indicate that these believers would be able to identify who the man of lawlessness is, or what exactly the rebellion would look like? What is Paul's real concern in v.3? Discuss John Calvin's comments on this verse: "The false teachers, who are refuted by Paul, were bidding men feel assured of Christ's speedy advent, so that they might not be wearied by a burdensome delay."

#### **The Destruction of the lawless one: the breath of Christ**

5. Read v.8. How is the lawless one defeated? Read 2 Timothy 1:10. It is important to recognize that Paul does not point to the believer's ability to identify the rebellion or man of lawlessness for a source of comfort or confidence. Confidence about the day of the Lord is in Christ who conquers. Throughout church history, people have believed the man of lawlessness to be the evil emperor Nero, various kings outside of Rome, Muhammed, the Pope, etc. It seems that believers have a limitation in knowing well who it is. Thus, our confidence should not be in our ability to identify, but in Christ who overcomes.

#### **Loving the truth: life amidst the spirit of the lawless one**

6. Read v.7. Though Paul says that a man of lawlessness will be revealed, the spirit/mystery of the lawless one is already at work in the world. Read 1 John 4:1-3. Discuss how these passages are related.

7. Read v.9-12. According to Paul's words, what do those perishing not believe in or love? To grow in assurance of our salvation and security in Jesus Christ, what ought we to love, believe in, and embrace? In what way(s) might you do that in your life?