

# The Lord's Day

November 14, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this end he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
-2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 (ESV)

Prelude      *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*      Hymn 6

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,  
his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;  
bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,  
bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

\* Call to Worship (responsive reading)      [Psalm 96](#)

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**Tell of his salvation from day to day**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

**And his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**He is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

**But the LORD made the heavens.**

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him;

**Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

**Tremble before him, all the earth!**

\* Hymn 598      [Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah](#)      CWM RHONDDA

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 449)      [Psalm 5](#)  
(continuous reading in book one of the Psalms)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 944)      [Romans 8:28-39](#)

Hymn (insert)      *He Will Hold Me Fast*      arr. M. Merker

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 616      [Leaning on the Everlasting Arms](#)      SHOWALTER

Reception of New Member

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory      *There Is a Redeemer*      arr. M. & K. Green

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.

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon      *Encouragement for a Chosen People*

Text: [2 Thessalonians 2:13-17](#) (Bible, p. 989)

Pastor Will Snyder

\* Hymn 358      [For All the Saints](#)      SINE NOMINE

\* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new member this morning: **Margaret Brown.**

**Shepherding Groups, 12:00 PM:**

All Shepherding Groups will meet today after the morning worship service. There will be no evening service tonight.

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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*

November 21, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig  
Ushers: Walter Mayo  
Audio: Timothy Owens  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Thanksgiving Service*

## He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me  
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me

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fast; when the tempt - er would pre - veil,  
fast; pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,  
fast; just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

6  
He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my  
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be  
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less

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hold through life's fear - ful path; for my love is  
lost; His prom - is - es shall last; bought by Him at  
life, He will hold me fast 'till our faith is

13  
oit - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
turned to sight, when He comes at last.

17 Refrain  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

21 Repeat refrain after last verse  
for my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

## 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
	6:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

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#### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Join us for our November young adults dinner at the Jones' home (61 Farmstead Rd in Storrs) tonight (Sunday 11/14) at 6:30 PM. We'll be having chicken chili and playing some group games together. You can reach out to Andrew Sung (919-423-0328) with any questions.

### 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, at Dart Hill Park, 680 Dart Hill Road in Vernon**, 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. Questions? Contact Nancy: 860.933.9776; nofranson@gmail.com

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

### *Encouragement for a Chosen People*

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

**Main Preaching Point:** Since God has chosen you and set his love upon you, you have great reason to give thanks to God, to stand firm in the gospel of Christ, and to trust in his eternal comfort

- Encouragement to Give Thanks to God
- Encouragement to Stand Firm in the Gospel
- Encouragement to Trust in God's Eternal Comfort

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Title: Encouragement for a Chosen People

**Questions:**

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

#### Encouragement to Give Thanks to God

2. Read v.13-14. Why is Paul expressing thanks to God for these believers? What does it mean that God "chose" them? What was the condition for his choosing? Read Romans 9:10-18.

3. Discuss the language Paul uses to describe salvation (in v.13-14). What is included in this salvation? Read Romans 8:30.

4. Paul says these believers are "beloved by the Lord." According to the sermon how is God's love different than "natural" loves that ordinary people express? Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8 and Romans 5:6-8. How should God's election and love shape our outlook and way of life?

## Encouragement to Stand Firm in the Gospel

5. Read v.15. What is Paul encouraging the believers to do in this verse? What are the two imperatives? According to the sermon what does Paul mean by "traditions"?

6. Given the increasingly secular and materialist culture in which we live, what are the main threats or challenges that you (or the broader church) face in having a strong commitment to valuing, reading, and obeying God's Word? Explain.

#### Encouragement to Trust in God's Eternal Comfort

7. Read v.16-17. How is Paul encouraging the saints in these verses? Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. What is this comfort that God supplies? We know that believers face many trials—physical ailments, cultural opposition, persecution, emotional distress, etc. Does comfort mean that God will remove such trials? How do we experience the comfort of God? Discuss.

- Reflect on the Heidelberg Catechisms opening question and answer: 'What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.'