

# The Lord's Day

May 8, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins..."

-1 John 2:1-2 (ESV)

- Prelude      *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*      Hymn 468
- \* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 500)      [Psalm 98:1-4](#)
- \* Hymn 457      [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)      NETTLETON
- \* Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 460)      [Psalm 28](#)  
(responsive reading)  
(continuous reading in book one of the Psalms)
- New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 901)      [John 14:15-21](#)
- Hymn 251      [Beneath the Cross of Jesus](#)      ST. CHRISTOPHER
- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Hymn 521      [My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less](#)      SOLID ROCK
- \*\* Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory      *I Surrender All*      Hymn 562
- \* Hymn 731      [Doxology](#)      OLD HUNDRETH
- \* Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon      *True Help for the Path of Faith*      Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [1 John 2:1-6](#) (Bible, p. 1021)
- \* Hymn 693      [Blessed Assurance](#)      ASSURANCE
- \* 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.*

**COVID-19 Guidelines:** Consistent with current state and local government guidelines, the use of face coverings is optional for all individuals.

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Popovitch family in memory of Mark's mother, Elaine Gladden.

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\* Congregation Standing  
\*\* Congregation Kneeling

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

May 8, 2021

**Worship Leader:** Elder Doug Fox  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** Walter Mayo  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:**  
  
**Evening Audio:** *Mother's Day-*  
*No Evening Service*

May 15, 2021

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Will Snyder  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Scott Bolliger  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Anthony Lazzaro  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:**  
  
**Evening Audio:** *Shepherding Groups-*  
*No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Thursday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement Class
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	10:00 AM	Compassion Cook-a-Palooza
Sunday	12:00 PM	Shepherding Groups

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### FIRST EVER PCC COMPASSION COOK-A-PALOOZA!

Ladies and young ladies! Please be sure to mark your calendar for the First Ever PCC Compassion Cook-a-Palooza coming up on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - noon**. We'll be working together to come up with 12 crock pot ready freezer meals to bless individuals and families within the church during illness, hospitalizations, etc.

Please see the sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry bulletin board (next to the Narthex) to sign up to participate and/or contribute the ingredients we'll need for making the meals. Look for more details in the May newsletter. Questions? Call or email Nancy Franson: 860.933.9776, nofranson@gmail.com.

#### SHEPHERDING GROUP CHANGE

Due to Mother's Day falling on the second Sunday of May, we will **not** be having Shepherding Groups that day. Instead, Shepherding Groups will be meeting on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** following the morning worship service.

#### WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join us every other Monday evening at **7:00 PM** via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 846 6283 3643 Passcode: 366889**)! Our next meeting is on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, and we will be resuming our study through the book of Jonah. Please do not be concerned that you are jumping into the middle of the study. We are more than happy to have you come. If you have any questions, email Hannah Sung at hannahmoon93@gmail.com or call/text her at 862-334-3839.

### PCC PICNIC

Our church-wide picnic at **Wickham Park in Manchester** is set for **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12-5pm**. We have once again reserved the **Laurel Grove Pavilion** (which we had last year) and will be covering everyone's parking again. All you need to do is sign up to bring a side dish or dessert, since we will also be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. In addition to volleyball and the walk to the aviary and playground that people enjoy, we will also have opportunities to show our Presbyterian athleticism in Bocce ball, croquet, Ultimate, corn hole, and many other games and activities. While signing up isn't necessary (please join us even if you forget to sign up), it is helpful, so we know how much food to purchase ahead of time. We hope you can come and enjoy some great food, fellowship, and fun!

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Save the date for our baccalaureate service which honors our high school graduates. It will be held on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, more information to follow.

## 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.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Good Day Mate! This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Zoomerang. We will be taking a trip to the land down under, Australia. How can you help? Please consider donating paper towel rolls and assorted colors of pipe cleaners for some AUS-SOME crafts. You can drop off these supplies to a bin in the back of the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping make VBS a success.

-Anita Hilinski

### CHURCH NURSERY

Hello from the church nursery!

A quick reminder to parents, please make sure to write your child's name and the phone number to reach you at during the service. This is for our record keeping and to ensure the safety of the children while in our care.

To our volunteers, please make sure to wash your hands or use a provided hand wipe prior to entering the nursery. Let's keep everyone healthy!

If there's anything we can do to improve your child's time with us, please reach out to Anita Hilinski or Deacon Howard Craig.

### MID-WEEK RECHARGE

We believe it is important to provide a mid-week avenue for all believers to come together to grow in friendship and to seek the Lord in prayer. Additionally, there have been some in the church that expressed a desire for more opportunities to fellowship with one another and we desire to help cultivate that.

### Schedule

This ministry will take place twice a month on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6:00-8:00 PM**. From 6:00-7:00 PM food will be provided and individuals and families may come at any time during that hour to eat and spend time together. Beginning at 7:00 PM the focus will shift to a time of prayer, facilitated by an Elder, Pastor, or other servant-leader in the church. This is an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and to invite others outside of PCC to come and enjoy a meal and spend time together. The next Mid-Week Recharge will be **May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### Kids Bible Club

Along with food, fellowship, and prayer, a kids bible club led by Mark Popovitch will also be available for children grades k-5<sup>th</sup>. Kids club will begin at **7:00 PM** and is a ministry that provides opportunity for young people to grow in friendship with other children, receive instruction and lessons from God's Word, and enjoy singing praise to the Lord.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Pastor Will or Mark Popovitch (860.742.7222).

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

### *True Help for the Path of Faith*

1 John 2:1-6

**Main Preaching Point:** Since Christ is your advocate as you stumble and sin on your faith journey, walk in his path so that you may grow in assurance and love

- › Stumbling along the path of faith—the reality of sin (1:8-2:1)
- › Help along the path of faith—Christ, our advocate and propitiation (2:1-2)
- › Assurance along the path of faith—walking in the way of Christ (2:3-6)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 John 2:1-6

Title: True Help for the Path of Faith

**Questions:**

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

#### **Stumbling along the path of faith—the reality of sin (1:8-2:1)**

2. Read 1 John 1:8-2:1. What does John say about sin? How do John's words, "if anyone does sin" reveal that sin is more than a condition? What is the danger of viewing sin as something merely nebulous and vague, and not something that manifests itself in particular ways? Why is it important to "name our sin"? Discuss.

#### **Help along the path of faith—Christ, our advocate and propitiation (2:1-2)**

3. Read verses 1-2. According to the sermon, how is Jesus an advocate? What does the word 'advocate' mean?

- In greek, the word translated 'advocate' is 'paraclete.' This word is used by Jesus in John 14-16 in referring to the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:26. How is the Holy Spirit an advocate? How is Jesus Christ an advocate? Discuss.
- How should Christ's work as advocate give us confidence and peace as we walk the path of faith? Give examples?

4. Read again 1 John 1:2. Not only is Christ our advocate, but he is called "the propitiation for our sins." According to the message, what does 'propitiation' mean? How does this provide further confidence, joy, and peace, in living the Christian faith? Explain.

#### **Assurance along the path of faith—walking in the way of Christ (2:3-6)**

5. Read v.3-6. Though there is great assurance in knowing that we have an advocate and propitiation for our sins, how does obedience play a key role in growing our assurance that we have indeed "come to know him" (v.3)?

- John doesn't say, "by this we know that we have come to know him, by our profession of faith." Rather, "whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked" (v.6). While we know that we are not redeemed by our obedience, how is obedience a necessary fruit of true saving faith? Explain.

6. In the Christian life are you inclined in any way toward legalism (seeking to justify yourself by your obedience) or license (feeling free to sin since you're under grace)? Explain. In reflecting on John's words, how do they help address both of these issues?

7. Are there any additional applications that you might identify in the text? Explain and discuss.