

# The Lord's Day

August 28, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." -1 John 5:13-15 (ESV)

Prelude Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners Hymn 498

\* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 47:7-9](#)

For God is the King of all the earth  
**Sing praises with a psalm!**  
God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**  
The princes of the people gather  
**as the people of the God of Abraham.**  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
**He is highly exalted.**

\* Hymn 179 [Hallelujah! Thine the Glory](#) THINE THE GLORY

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 464) [Psalm 34:15-18](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 939) [Romans 1:1-17](#)  
(continuous reading)

Hymn 30 [Our God, Our Help in Ages Past](#) ST. ANNE

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 246 [Man of Sorrows! What a Name](#)  
HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Hymn 605

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

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The God Who Hears, Defends, and Gives*  
Text: [1 John 5:13-21](#) (Bible, p. 1023)  
Pastor Will Snyder

\* Hymn 128 [God Moves in a Mysterious Way](#) DUNDEE

\* 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.*

**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.

This morning's flowers are given by Nancy Franson – with gratitude for being my church family throughout these past 38 years. In this place, "Let the Name of the Lord be praised both now and forevermore." Psalm 113:2

**Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:**

Please join us for a Backyard Fellowship at the home of Andrew & Marjorie Garrett at 5:30 PM. Please see announcements for more details.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 28, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig  
Ushers: Scott Bolliger  
Audio: Benjamin Bassett  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Elisabeth Sundet, Katie Lazzaro  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at  
Andrew & Marjorie Garrett's home*

September 4, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo  
Ushers: Howard Craig  
Audio: Benjamin Bassett  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Sierra Hilinski  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at  
Doug & Sharon Fox's home in Lebanon*

## This Week at Church

Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer Gathering  
Sunday 5:30 PM Backyard Fellowship/Ice Cream Social  
Monday Labor Day – Office Closed

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

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#### BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at Andrew & Marjorie Garrett's home, 93 Colburn Road in Canterbury. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. (For future fellowships, the rain location is the church.) Please plan to make these gatherings part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

### COMING EVENTS

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#### BREAKING NEWS!!! BONUS BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!!!

\*\*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE\*\*\* On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, PCC will descend upon the rental property of Doug and Sharon Fox in Lebanon, CT, for one final Backyard Fellowship to close out the summer. And what better way to close out our season of Backyard Fellowships than with an ice cream social in the beautifully scenic Lebanon, CT? Join us at 5:30 PM for dinner (bring meat to grill and a side dish to share), fellowship, a time of prayer and devotion, and then get ready for the best ice cream sundaes you can possibly make!

#### CHURCH-WIDE POT PROVIDENCE

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately following morning worship, we will be holding a church-wide pot providence meal at the church. Please plan to stay to enjoy a meal with the people of

God in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a slow-cooker meal, side, or dessert—drinks will be provided.

### EVENING SERVICE RESUMES

We return to our regular Sunday evening worship service starting on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. This fall we will start a series of messages from the epistle of 1 Peter. Please join us at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall to close out the Lord's Day in the Lord's house with the Lord's people around the Word of the Lord.

### 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PASTOR'S OPEN HOUSE

Pastor Will, Shelley, Natalie, Alivia, and Pierson would like to invite you-our church family and friends to our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pastor Open House** party. This year we will be hosting our fall event on **Saturday October 1st from noon-6 at The Hatch House** [our home: 31 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon, CT]. There is no parking on site or along the road. Carpooling is encouraged. The shuttle van will be running on the half/hour [12, 12:30, 5, 5:30, etc.] from Valley Falls Park parking lot [300 Valley Falls Rd, Vernon, CT] for those who aren't up for foot travel .25 mile hike up the road. Fall festivities will include but are not limited to a smorgasbord of autumn themed foods and desserts, fond memories with old and new friends, a competitive game of tug-a-war, live music on the deck, s'mores around the fire pit, a mile trail hike/walk in the woods, yard and card games, rope swings, trampoline, kids crafts, and straight up fun for the whole family. Disclaimer-play at your own risk! "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith," Galatians 6:10. We thank our great God for each one of you and look forward to growing in grace with you.

In Christ, The Snyder family

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study at Church (led by Pastor Will) will resume on **September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. We will be considering Galatians 4:12-20.

### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding, and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will ([pastorjws@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)) or the church office.

### NEW RESIDENCE FOR JAN McCULLOCH

Jan McCulloch is currently residing at Woodlake at Tolland Rehabilitation & Nursing Home. She is accepting both visitors and phone calls. The address for Woodlake is 26 Shenipsit Lake Road in Tolland. Visiting hours are from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Woodlake does require masks to be worn when visiting. Jan is in Room 200A and her phone number is (860)429-4160.

*Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*  
*The God Who Hears, Defends, and Gives*  
1 John 5:13-21

**Main Preaching Point:** As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have the assurance of answered prayer, divine protection, and sovereign grace.

- Answered Prayer—the God who hears
- Divine Protection—the God who defends
- Sovereign Grace—the God who gives

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 John 5:13-21

Title: The God Who Hears, Defends, and Gives

**Questions:**

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

**Answered Prayer—the God who hears**

2. Read v.13. How is this verse a good summary of the main purpose of the letter? Discuss. Read also John 20:30-31. Compare.

3. Read v.14-15. Why should we have confidence in drawing near to God and believing he hears us? Read Hebrews 10:19-23.

- In the midst of the anxieties we may feel due to life's uncertainties, trials, struggles, & insecurities, how is drawing near to God and expressing one's heart and petitions an avenue for contentment and peace? In other words, how can prayer dispel fear and anxiety? Discuss.

4. Read v.16-17. According to the sermon, what is sin that does not lead to death, and sin that does lead to death? Discuss the significance that God not only hears & responds to the prayers we offer for ourselves, but the prayers we offer for others?

**Divine Protection—the God who defends**

5. Read v.18-19. According to the sermon who is being referred to in v.18 as "he who was born of God"? And how does the Lord Jesus protect the believer from the evil one, so that "the evil one does not touch him"?

- Read 1 Peter 5:7-9. Peter calls for the resistance of the devil and to be vigilant. The devil prowls around seeking to devour. Does this sound like the evil one is unable to "touch" the believer? Again, what do we understand by the Lord's protection from the evil one? Discuss.
- In what practical way(s) should God's divine protection in our lives enable us to live boldly for the Lord and the gospel of Jesus Christ?

**Sovereign Grace—the God who gives**

6. Read v.20. What is the 'understanding' which God has given to believers? How does this understanding come about? And how does it produce assurance of salvation?