

# The Lord's Day

September 11, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart." -Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (ESV)

Prelude *Near to the Heart of God*

There is a quiet place of rest, near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

- \* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 947) [Romans 11:33-12:2](#)
- \* Hymn 565 [All for Jesus!](#) WYCLIFF
- \* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Deuteronomy 6:4-8](#)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.**

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**You shall teach them diligently to your children, and  
shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when  
you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when  
you rise.**

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be  
as frontlets between your eyes.

**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house  
and on your gates.**

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 940) [Romans 2:1-11](#)  
(continuous reading)

Hymn 463 [A Debtor to Mercy Alone](#) TREWEN

- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon

- \* Hymn 338 [Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart](#) MORECAMBE  
Reception of New Members
- \*\* Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Hymn 381
- \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
- \* Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *Guarding Your Heart* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [1 John 5:21](#) (Bible, p. 1024)
- \* Hymn 642 [Be Thou My Vision](#) SLANE
- \* 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by **The Jones Family** in recognition and gratitude to the Lord for their father.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new members this morning: **Denis & Megan Halle, and Helen Han.**

**Church-Wide Pot Providence, 12:00 PM:**

Immediately following morning worship, we will be holding a church-wide pot providence meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay to enjoy a meal with the people of God.

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\* Congregation Standing  
\*\* Congregation Kneeling

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 11, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder Armand Chenelle  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** David Embree  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Kevin Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Chenelle Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:** *Church-Wide Pot Providence-  
No Evening Service*

September 18, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder John Sundet  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Scott Bolliger  
**Ushers:** Jeff Edwards  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Chenelle Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:**

## This Week at Church

|           |         |                      |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Bible Study          |
|           | 6:00 PM | Midweek Recharge     |
| Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Deacons' Meeting     |
| Saturday  | 7:00 AM | Men's Covenant Group |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### MEN'S COVENANT GROUP RESUMES

The Men's Covenant Group resumes **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at the church, **7:00 to 9:00 AM**. The group has been studying the Luke-Acts pairing in the New Testament, observing the parallels of the two books, enjoying fellowship in the Scriptures with coffee and food, and now continuing with Acts 11. Please join in.

#### 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

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2022 AT PCC

All PCC youth (ages 5-18) are invited to participate in this year's **Christmas Pageant!**

What to Expect: Costumes, scripture readings and Christmas hymns and carols.

The performance will be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 17th @ 6:30pm.**

*Rehearsals start **Sunday, October 16th!***

Rehearsals will be held for -1 hour immediately after church on Sundays.

Schedule: 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13\*, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11\*. And Friday, 12/16 Dress Rehearsal.

\*On Shepherding Group Sundays, (11/13 & 12/11) we will hold rehearsal at 3:00pm.

To sign up: email Colleen Millett by Oct. 5th ckmillett@gmail.com

When signing up, please list name, age and height.

The cast will be announced Oct. 9th, with rehearsals beginning Oct. 16th!

Contact Colleen with any questions: email or 860.458.8129.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday 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.

### 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.

### 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 **September 14<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*

### *Guarding Your Heart*

1 John 5:21

**Main Preaching Point:** Since Christ is Lord of your life, guard your heart from idolatry by loving the LORD your God with all your heart, mind, and strength.

- Understanding Idolatry
  - Guarding the heart from Idolatry
  - Loving God as remedy for Idolatry
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 John 5:21

Title: Guarding Your Heart

**Questions:**

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

#### Understanding Idolatry

2. Read 1 John 5:21. What is idolatry? Compare and contrast the idea of worshipping a false god and worshipping the true God in a false way. Give examples.

3. How is 1 John 5:21 related to the first commandment? And how are Jesus' words regarding the heart and treasure in Matthew 6:19-21 relevant to the subject of idolatry?

- Discuss Paul Tripp's words: "We seek to get our identity, and meaning, and purpose, our motivation from life, from people. Or, we seek to get our identity from possessions. Or, we seek to get our meaning and purpose from position. Or,

we seek to get our meaning, and purpose, and identity from power. Or, we seek to get it from knowledge or achievement, and the list could go on forever and ever. When the Bible says that you are a worshiper, what it's actually saying is that there is always something or someone that's ruling or controlling your heart. Your heart is always after something."<sup>1</sup>

4. What are the idols vying for your identity, worth, and meaning in life? What is it about them that is a potential draw? Explain and discuss.

#### Guarding the heart from Idolatry

5. John says, "keep yourselves from idols." What does it mean to "keep yourselves" in this context? What role does the believer play in protecting his heart from idolatry, and what role does the Spirit play? Read Proverbs 4:23 and relate.

#### Loving God as remedy for Idolatry

6. Discuss how the Great Commandment of Deuteronomy 6:4-5 might serve as a helpful way to fulfill and obey the first commandment ("you shall have no other gods before me")? How is loving God with all that we are necessary for success in ridding idols from the heart?

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Tripp Ministries. Wednesdays-Word.