

The Lord's Day

September 18, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another."

-2 John 4-5(ESV)

- Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Hymn 629
- * Call to Worship (Bible, p. 347) [1 Chronicles 16:8-11](#)
 - * Hymn 1 [All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#) OLD HUNDRETH
 - * Invocation
 - Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 119:41-48](#)

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,
for your salvation according to your promise;
then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.
I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,
and I shall walk in a wide place,
for I have sought your precepts.
I will also speak of your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame,
for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.
 - New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 940) [Romans 2:12-29](#)
 - ** Silent Prayer of Confession
 - * Assurance of Pardon
 - * Hymn 469 [How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place](#) ST. COLUMBA
 - ** Pastoral Prayer

- Offertory *The God of Abraham Praise* Hymn 34
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH
 - * Prayer of Dedication
 - Sermon *Walking in Truth and Love* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [2 John 1-13](#) (Bible, p. 1025)
 - * Hymn 317 [Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying](#) WACHET AUF irreg.
 - The Lord's Supper *Near the Cross &
What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymn 261
 - * Hymn 437 [O God, to Us Show Mercy](#) MEIRONYDD
 - * 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.

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.

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Join us this evening as we resume our regular Sunday evening worship. We will begin a new series of messages from 1 Peter. Tonight we will consider 1 Peter 1:1-2 "Greetings, Covenant Strangers!"

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 18, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Alivia Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

September 25, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Terri Christians, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

4th ANNUAL PASTOR'S OPEN HOUSE

Pastor Will, Shelley, Natalie, Alivia, and Pierson would like to invite you-our church family and friends to our **4th 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

AUTUMN SESSION OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Who: Children 4 months - 4 years

When: Tuesdays @ 10:30-11:00 AM

Dates: 10 weeks, October 4th - Dec 6th

Instructor: Colleen Millett

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

Cost: Free for returning students, \$15 per new student (covers one set of instruments)

You may join at any time and dropping in is completely fine!

Email Colleen by Sept 27th to sign up! ckmillett@gmail.com

FALL ARTISAN CRAFT MARKET

Hello, friends!

Our Third Annual Barefoot Acres Farm Artisan Market is happening on **Saturday October 29, 2022**, rain or shine! We have many wonderful vendors lined up and are excited to help you kick off your holiday shopping!

When: Saturday October 29, 10am-6pm

Where: Barefoot Acres Farm, 275 Weigold Rd. Tolland

What: quality artisan goods (candles, yarn, jewelry, farmhouse signs, and much more!)

Please feel free to invite and bring friends, I prefer not to have the event widely advertised to the general public.

Hope you can make it!

Kind regards,

-Amy Bassett

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2022 AT PCC

Please note our new performance date!

The Christmas Pageant will be held in the Sanctuary on **FRIDAY, December 16th @ 7:00 PM.**

*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, and 12/11* (**Dress Rehearsal**).

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

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.

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

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On **Sunday, Sept. 25th**, boxes will be available to pack with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes will be sent around the world. Samaritan's Purse coordinates with local churches to deliver these Christmas gifts, which provides opportunities to teach children about Jesus. There is also a "Let's be Friends" sheet your children can fill out and include with the boxes. Please return boxes by Nov. 13th. Be in prayer for the children who will be receiving these boxes that they would come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. If you have any questions, you can ask Elizabeth Koopman or Sharon Fox. For more information about OCC, please go to <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ>.

SPECIAL MISSIONS BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

The special Missions Benevolence offering that has been announced to assist a destitute believer known to missionary friends will be collected by the Deacons after worship on **Sept 18** and **Sept 25**. You may give otherwise by the end of September if you include a note clearly designating your gift for "Missions Benevolence Offering". Contact Scott Warren for further details.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Walking in Love and Truth

2 John 1-13

Main Preaching Point: The true church of Christ cultivates and upholds the love and truth reflected in the Lord Jesus Christ

- The True Church Cultivates Love
 - This love is Commanded
 - This love is Personified
 - This love is characterized by Obedience
- The True Church Upholds Truth
 - The Necessity of Truth
 - The Practice of Truth

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 2 John 1-13

Title: Walking in Love and Truth

Questions:

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

The True Church Cultivates Love

2. According to the sermon, what is the context of 2 John? Discuss the domestic language in v.1 and v.13. Who is this "elect lady and her children", as well as the "elect sister" (v.13)?

3. Read v.4-6. What does John teach, or rather remind God's people regarding love? Is the love that John teaches something that originates with him? John is simply passing on to the believers the commandment of God to "love one another." How might John's example of not

expressing his own ideas or opinions but rather passing on God's truth be an example for us? Explain.

4. Focus on v.5. Though John is pointing to the commandment of love, how does he write to the church regarding this love? He says, "I ask you, dear lady..." Though love is a command, John doesn't beat them over the head with it, but rather kindly and lovingly *asks* them to abide by God's commands. How is this instructive for us? Discuss.

5. Read v.6. What does it mean that love is walking according to the commandments?

- What is the danger of seeking to express love in some way outside the commands and Word of God?

The True Church Upholds Truth

6. Read v.7-11. While John reminds the people to love one another, what is the threat in these verses? Notice the tension: on the one hand he focuses on love, but on the other he says of those who are deceivers "do not receive him into your house" (v.10). Discuss the relationship between love and truth in this context.

7. The deceivers mentioned in v.7 were opposing the idea that Christ truly came in the flesh. They had their own ideas that they were seeking to advance and wanted to change the true nature of the gospel. When is change good? When is it unacceptable? For example, the Protestant Reformation brought about a massive change—one that in many ways was for the good. Discuss when change should be encouraged and welcomed, and when it is dangerous.

8. In what way(s) does the overall passage point us to the character and work of Jesus Christ?