

The Lord's Day

September 25, 2022 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

-3 John 1:3-4 (ESV)

- Prelude *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Hymn 235
- * Call to Worship (Bible, p. 463) [Psalm 34:7-9](#)
- * Hymn 167 [When Morning Gilds the Skies](#) LAUDES DOMINI
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 34:8-18](#)
- Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
And saves the crushed in spirit.
- New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 940) [Romans 3:1-20](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn 604 [Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart](#) MARION

- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn (insert) *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* arr. Stennett/Miner
- ** Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Hymn 648
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *For the Sake of the Name* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [3 John 1:1-15](#) (Bible, p. 1026)
- * Hymn 600 [He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!](#) HE LEADETH ME
- * 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.

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Join us this evening for our Sunday evening worship. Elder Doug Fox will be preaching from 1 Peter 1:3-12. The sermon title is "Born Again to a Living Hope".

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

October 2, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Sierra Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Fox Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	12:00 PM	Pastor's Open House

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

In-Person Women's Bible Study led by Debbie Goodale, starting Monday, September 26th, at 6:30 PM at the church. We will be going through the book of Romans! Please reach out to Debbie Goodale if you have any questions. Cell: 860-455-6579; Email: dhgoodale@gmail.com.

Zoom Women's Bible Study led by Maddie Edwards and Hannah Sung, starting Monday, September 26th, at 7 PM. We will be going through the book of Mark! Please reach out to Hannah Sung for the Zoom link via text/call: 862-334-3839 or via email: hannahmoon93@gmail.com.

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.samaritanspurse.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 TODAY. 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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR JAN McCULLOCH

Janet McCulloch
Whitney Place Assisted Living and Memory Care
Three Vision Dr.
Natick, MA 01760

From Jan's son Ned McCulloch:

The best way to reach my mother is to email my sister Catherine at email address Catherine.mcculloch@gmail.com. At this point, we have not set up a phone line for my mother. The move to the Whitney Nursing Home is long term. We picked a facility that is close to all three of my sisters and highly rated for caring for seniors with memory loss. The staff is well trained, better supervised due to my sister's ongoing presence, and Mom receives needed support.

THANK YOU'S!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, the beautiful flowers from the church, and all the cards when my sister died.
The Willis Family

Dear Friends and Family from Presbyterian Church of Coventry,
I was with sadness that I said good-bye to my dear friends at PCC on Sunday night. You all have been my comfort, my hope, my encouragement, and my inspiration these past blessed 7 years at PCC. You lifted me up when I was down. You strengthened me in the faith when I was weak. You built me up and helped to set my feet on solid ground. Now it is time to say thank you to all my friends and let you know these years are precious to me. Hope we will someday meet again.

Love, Esther Jones

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand and
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plans, shines
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - 'nous breath can
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and
cast a wish - ful eye, to Ca - naan's fair and
one e - ter - nal day. There God the Son for -
reach that health - ful shore, where sick - ness, sor - row,
be for - ev - er blest? When shall I see my
hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions
ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a -
pain, and death are felt and feared no
Fa - ther's face, and in his bos - om
lic. I am bound, I am bound I am
way. I am bound
more. I am bound
rest?
bound for the Prom - ised Land. I am bound, I am
bound I am bound for the Prom - ised Land.
I am bound

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

For the Sake of the Name

3 John 1:1-15

Main Preaching Point: As one who is from God, do good by enduring trouble for the sake of the gospel and church of Jesus Christ.

- Enduring trouble for the gospel & church—the one who does good
 - Walking in Truth
 - Walking in Love
- Making trouble for the gospel & church – the one who does evil

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 3 John 1:1-15

Title: For the Sake of the Name

Questions:

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

Enduring trouble for the gospel & church—the one who does good

2. What is the overall context of 3rd John, and according to the sermon how does it connect to 2nd John?

3. Read v.1-8. What characteristics does John commend in Gaius? As we saw last week, both love and truth are central to the Christian life and church. Describe the kinds of characteristics of a person who like Gaius and the congregation where he serves is “walking in the truth” (v.4).

4. To whom in verses 5-8 is Gaius demonstrating love? And how might we apply this in our own lives?

Making trouble for the gospel & church—the one who does evil

5. Read v.9-15. Who is causing problems in the church? Some important points surface in this letter. For one, the church is not immune to conflict. No matter how mature the church may be, or how theologically sound it is, opposition and potential conflict is not new to the church. Discuss.

- Secondly, John's words to Gaius amidst opposition from Diotrephes reveals the great worth of the local church. This is a letter not only calling for a defense of truth but to protect the body of Christ. Reflect on your own commitment to the church. What place does it have in your life, and how might the Lord be leading you to serve and support the body?

6. Read v.9. What is the issue that John identifies? Read Numbers 12:1-9 and discuss.

- Does God institute authority in the church? Read Matthew 18:15-20 and discuss.

7. Read v.11. In light of this text read Psalm 34:11-18 and reflect.

8. How does this short letter of 3rd John reflect the character of Christ and the worth of his church? Discuss.