

# The Lord's Day

October 30, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "you shall be holy, for I am holy."

-1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)

- Prelude *Grace Greater than All Our Sin* Carol Jones, piano
- \* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 602) [Isaiah 42:1-6](#)
  - \* Hymn 181 [We Come, O Christ, to You](#) DARWALL
  - \* Invocation
  - Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 498) [Psalm 93:1-5](#)  
(responsive reading)
  - New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 942) [Romans 5:12-21](#)
  - Hymn (insert) *There Is a Redeemer* arr. M. Green
  - \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
  - \* Assurance of Pardon
  - \* Hymn 468 [My Faith Has Found a Resting Place](#) LANDAS
  - \*\* Pastoral Prayer
  - Offertory *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
  - \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
  - \* Prayer of Dedication
  - Sermon *An Uncompromising Faith* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [Daniel 1:8-21](#) (Bible, p. 737)
  - \* Hymn 575 [Soldiers of Christ, Arise](#) DIADEMATA
  - \* 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.*

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

## Reformation Day Service, 6:00 PM:

Tonight at 6:00 PM, we will be hosting a Reformation service joined by some of our sister-churches.

We encourage you to come and worship our glorious God, fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and celebrate the fruits of the reformation. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

October 30, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder John Sundet  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Scott Bolliger  
**Ushers:** Jeff Edwards  
**Audio:** Zeb Sinnamon  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Natalie Snyder  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Fox Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:** *Reformation Day Service-*  
*at 6:00 PM*

November 6, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder Armand Chenelle  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Peter Benedict  
**Ushers:** Walter Mayo  
**Audio:** Timothy Owens  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Alivia Snyder  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Harmon Shepherding Group  
**Evening Audio:**

## This Week at Church

Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement Class
	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	1:00 PM	Warren Bridal Shower
Sunday	2:00 AM	<b>DST Ends-Set Clocks <u>BACK</u> 1 Hour</b>
	9:30 AM	Women's Sunday School
		Discovery Class
	12:15 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY

The Fall All-Church Workday is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall with the indoor and outdoor tasks needed to be done to prepare the church for the cold weather. Rain date will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### REFORMATION DAY SERVICE

On **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**, we will be hosting a Reformation service joined by some of our sister-churches. The service will be followed by a light reception. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to bring cookies/brownies, cheese/veggie platter, apple cider/cold drinks, or help with set up or clean up. You can also email or call Danielle and let her know what you would like to provide. We encourage you to come and worship our glorious God, fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and celebrate the fruits of the reformation.

#### LADIES MEET & GREET

The ladies of the church are invited to brunch on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until noon**. Join us in welcoming those who are new to our congregation; and reconnect with those

you have missed. Child care is available. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Contact Hannah Sung hannahmoon93@gmail.com or Julie Craig juliecraig528@gmail.com for more information.

## 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.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

(Every other Monday – next one Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>)

**In-Person** Women's Bible Study led by Debbie Goodale, 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: dlhgoodale@gmail.com.

**Zoom** Women's Bible Study led by Maddie Edwards and Hannah Sung. 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

There are still boxes available if you would like to pack a box for a child that might not get any gifts, and most importantly these boxes are an opportunity to share the gospel. Please also be in prayer for the children that will be receiving the boxes. Packed shoeboxes need to be returned by **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please see Elizabeth Koopman. Thank-you very much

### PRAYER SHAWL MEETINGS

The Prayer Shawl knitters will not be meeting during the winter months. In the meantime, there are several shawls available in the basket in Fellowship Hall. If you are aware of a need, please take one.

### MTW'S 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

November is Mission to the World's month of prayer for world missions, particularly for restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. There are prayer calendar sheets on the tables in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall if you would like to take one home to join MTW in praying each day for the believers listed.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Scott & Danielle Bolliger  
29 Orchard Road  
Windsor, CT 06095

Bill & Cecelia Clark  
1361 Witherspoon Drive  
Prattville, AL 36066

Mark Franson  
32 Samuel Lane  
Mansfield, CT 06250

Joel Lorenzatti & Daiana Garcia  
28 Pleasant Street, Apt 3  
Willimantic, CT 06226

Sophie Rooks  
226 Lewis Hill Road  
Coventry, CT 06238

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

### *An Uncompromising Faith*

Daniel 1:8-21

**Main Preaching Point:** Amidst the pressure of cultural conformity, demonstrate an uncompromising faith by trusting in the Lord's sovereign hand to preserve and bless you.

- No Compromise—Resisting cultural conformity
  - The Test—Trusting in the Work of God
  - God Takes Over—The Preservation of God's People
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 1:8-21

Title: An Uncompromising Faith

Questions:

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

#### **No Compromise—Resisting cultural conformity**

2. Read v.8-10. According to the sermon why does Daniel desire to avoid the king's food and wine? How does it relate to compromise?

- Discuss John Calvin's comments: "We know how far enticements prevail to deceive us; especially when we are treated daintily; and experience shews us how difficult it is to be moderate when all is affluence around us, for luxury follows immediately on plenty...Daniel desired to refrain from too great an abundance and delicacy of diet, simply to escape those snares of Satan, by which he saw himself surrounded."

3. In what ways can we today compromise our faith and the calling we have to seek the Lord and depend upon him? Explain.

#### **The Test—Trusting in the Work of God**

4. Read v.11-16. How does Daniel prove to be shrewd so that on the one hand he is seeking to protect the servant and chief eunuch and at the same time fulfill his purpose in not defiling himself? Discuss.

5. Since the four youths came through the 10 days looking "fatter in flesh" than the rest, and that on a leaner diet, what might we conclude about the relationship of God to food? Does food have virtue in itself, or does it only have virtue as a result of God's blessing upon it? Explain. How does this work itself out in the text?

- Read John 6:49-51. Discuss the relevance of this passage in light of the text in Daniel.

#### **God Takes Over—The Preservation of God's People**

6. Read v.17-21. This story is not merely about Daniel and his friends' courage. God is the one who has convinced Daniel that He will be sustained and sufficiently nourished. God is the one who has moved Nebuchadnezzar to embrace Daniel and grant him favor. God is the one who has given knowledge, understanding, and skill. In the larger picture, what does God's protection and blessing upon Daniel and his friends remind us about our Lord? Read Matthew 16:18 and reflect.

7. How does this episode and the testing of Daniel (and his friends) point us to the ministry and work of Jesus Christ? How was Christ tested? Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does he come out of his time of testing? In what way(s) might this fill us with hope—hope for our faith, hope in Christ, hope for the church? Discuss.