

The Lord's Day

November 20, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

-Daniel 3:17-18(ESV)

- Prelude Carol Jones, piano
- * Call to Worship (Bible, p. 981) [Philippians 2:9-11](#)
 - * Hymn 198 [Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!](#) TRURO
 - * Invocation
 - Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 198) [Joshua 24:14-18](#)
 - New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 943) [Romans 7:1-6](#)
 - ** Silent Prayer of Confession
 - * Assurance of Pardon
 - * Hymn (insert) *We Will Glorify* arr. T. Paris
 - ** Pastoral Prayer
 - Offertory
 - * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH
 - * Prayer of Dedication
 - Sermon *Choose Today Whom You Will Serve*
Text: [Daniel 3:1-18](#) (Bible, p. 739)
Pastor Will Snyder
 - * Hymn 648 [My Jesus, I Love Thee](#) CARITAS
 - The Lord's Supper
 - * Hymn (insert) *Behold the Lamb* arr. Getty/Townend
 - * 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.

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.

Family Thanksgiving Service, 6:00 PM:

All are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving Service tonight. We will gather in the Sanctuary for a time of singing and giving thanks for God's faithfulness over the past year. We will then have a time of fellowship and eating of pies! Please plan to come and enjoy this wonderful church family event!

* Congregation Standing
** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

November 20, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Madeline Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 PM*

November 27, 2022

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Howard Craig
Audio: Timothy Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement Class
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Women's Sunday School Discovery Class
	12:15 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC OPPORTUNITY!

Do you love Christmas music? 🛎️ Can you more or less carry a tune on an instrument or with your voice? 🎵 Consider joining the Advent choir or the Advent orchestra! These two groups will be a low pressure, short term commitment, aiming to enhance the worship services during this Advent season. You can contact me with interest if you wish, but feel free to just show up on a Sunday morning for either.

🎵 Choir rehearsals will begin Sunday 11/20 at 9:00AM in the choir loft, and will continue each week through Christmas. All singers age 13 and up are welcome!

🎵 The Advent orchestra will play during the services of 11/27-1/1/23. Those participating each week will run through the music for that service following Sunday school promptly at 10:15AM. Packets of music will be available in the back of the fellowship hall for anyone who wants to take a look ahead of time.

Contact Rachel Embree with any questions at rachelgembree@gmail.com. Looking forward to making a joyful noise this season with you! 🎄🎵

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

It's that wonderful time of the year! Time to green the church!



Join us Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 AM.

Lots of fluffing garlands, decorating, sparkles, wreaths, bows & doughnuts. Something for everyone!

Come be a part of tradition and start your Advent celebration with joy!

LESSONS & CAROLS JOINT SERVICE

There will be a joint service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening, December 4th at 6:00 PM. Christ Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) will be hosting. CCPC currently worships at Farmington Avenue Baptist Church, 155 Mountain Road, West Hartford, which is the location of the service.

Note for Musicians: If you play an instrument and are interested and willing to participate in the service, there will be a rehearsal at 5:00 PM. Music Director Brad Smith will be contacting all musicians in the upcoming weeks, so if you plan to participate please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) no later than Monday, November 21st so that he can provide your name and contact for Mr. Smith.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, December 15th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

PCC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...”

We are delighted to invite you to an evening of Scripture reading, theatre, and singing.

Join us in the sanctuary for a Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 PM!

Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Our PCC youth have been hard at work on this year's production. We hope to see you there!

- Colleen & Abe Millett

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All are invited to join our church family for Christmas caroling at Fox Hill Center in Vernon on Saturday, December 17th at 1:30 PM. (Snow date will be the 18th after the morning worship service.) Music will be provided. Please come and help spread some Christmas cheer!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

(Every other Monday – next one Nov. 21st)

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & MID-WEEK RECHARGE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be Wednesday Bible Study or Mid-Week Recharge this week they will both resume next week on Wednesday, November 30th. We hope you can join us!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The King's Crown and Cross

Matthew 27:27-44

Main Preaching Point: Through the cross of Christ, the sin and unbelief of the world is exposed, the redeeming love of God is displayed, and the faith of the Christian is formed

- The Mockery of the Cross—Exposing the sin & unbelief of the world
- The Curse of the Cross—Displaying the redeeming love of God
- The Aim of the Cross—Forming the Christian faith

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 27:27-44

Title: The King's Crown and Cross

Questions:

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

The Mockery of the Cross—Exposing the sin & unbelief of the world

2. Consider Matthew's emphasis on the mocking of Jesus (see v.27-31, 39, 41, & 44). According to the sermon, what does this reveal about the sin & spiritual blindness of the world? Read 1 Corinthians 2:14 and discuss it in light of Christ's mocking.

3. Focus on v.27-31. Though the soldiers mock Jesus and sarcastically hail him as king, what is the irony in this? How does the cross reveal the foolishness and weakness of the world? Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and discuss the relevance of this passage in light of the cross.

The Curse of the Cross—Displaying the redeeming love of God

4. According to the sermon, in v.32-44 there are five Old Testament references. Identify them and discuss why this is important.

5. The first century (BC) statesmen Cicero called crucifixion "a most cruel and disgusting punishment." The Romans saw the cross as offensive and the Jews saw it as abhorrent. Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23. How was the cross a curse? (see also Acts 5:30; 10:39; 1 Pet.2:24).

- Read Galatians 3:13. What does it mean that Jesus became a curse for us? How is the cross of Jesus a substitution? Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

6. All people experience the pain of suffering *from* something. It may be the physical pain from a disease or ailment; it may be pain from the loss of a loved one. However, have you ever experienced pain *for* someone? Explain. Jesus suffered and was crucified *for* his people. Read Romans 5:8.

The Aim of the Cross—Forming the Christian faith

7. The event of Christ's crucifixion gives massive shape to the theology of the New Testament. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How should the cross shape the way we live?

- Consider the following passages and how they should give shape to our Christian living: Colossians 2:14, Philippians 2:5-8, & 1 Peter 2:24.