

# The Lord's Day

December 18, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *"The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught."*  
-Isaiah 50:4 (ESV)

- Prelude Carol Jones, piano
- \* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 983) [Colossians 1:15-20](#)
  - \* Hymn 218 [Angels, from the Realms of Glory](#) REGENT SQUARE
  - \* Invocation
  - Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 468) [Psalm 40:1-11](#)
  - New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 944) [Romans 8:12-17](#)  
(continuous reading)
  - \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
  - \* Assurance of Pardon
  - \* Hymn 210 [Silent Night! Holy Night!](#) STILLE NACHT
  - \*\* Pastoral Prayer
  - Offertory
  - \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDETH
  - \* Prayer of Dedication
  - Sermon *The Obedient Servant* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [Isaiah 50:4-11](#) (Bible, p. 611)
  - \* Hymn 213 [What Child Is This](#) GREENSLEEVES
  - \* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism-Q #76
- Pastor: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?  
**It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ**
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- And by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

- \* Congregation Standing
- \*\* Congregation Kneeling

But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body.

And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.

**And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.**

The Lord's Supper

- \* Hymn 214 [Angels We Have Heard on High](#) GLORIA
  - \* 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.*

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:

Close out the Lord's Day and start your week off refreshed in God our Savior! Join us for our regular evening worship service—a time of singing, prayer, and hearing from God's Word. Tonight's message comes from 1 Peter 2:1-3, "Got Milk?"

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

December 18, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder Armand Chenelle  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Peter Benedict  
**Ushers:** Walter Mayo  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Anita Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Jones Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:**

December 25, 2022

**Worship Leader:** Elder John Sundet  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** David Embree  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*):  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Jones Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:** *Christmas Day - No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	5:30 PM	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
Sunday		<b>Christmas Day – No Evening Service</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

As we approach Christmas we will have opportunity to worship our Savior on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is on a Saturday this year and we will have a service of Lessons and Carols at 5:30 PM. Christmas day is on Sunday and we will have worship at our normal time of 10:30 AM. There will not be Sunday school on Christmas morning but we will have a time of fellowship (with refreshments) from 9:30-10:15 AM. You're welcome to come at any point during that time prior to worship and enjoy fellowship.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

**Location:** Zealand Hut, White Mountains, New Hampshire

**Date:** February 17-18, 2023

**Reservation deadline:** December 29, 2022

**Description:** 6 miles of cross-country skiing into Zealand Hut, sleep at Zealand Hut one night, and cross-country ski out 6 miles. Ski rentals will be available.

Please let Derick Lessard know if you are interested and would like the reservation instructions.

(860) 810-9585 or [derick.lessard@gmail.com](mailto:derick.lessard@gmail.com)

## 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 Dec. 19<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.

### STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It has been our custom to give a cash Christmas bonus to our PCC staff as an extra “thank you” for the hard work they do throughout the year. You may place a gift in the offering basket on Sunday or in the black wall safe by the church office door by **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you've been worshipping from home via the live-stream, you can mail your gift into the church. Please clearly mark your envelope “Staff Christmas Gift.” **These donations are not tax-deductible, and must be in the form of cash or a check made out to ‘Cash’.**

### OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Dated offering envelopes for 2023 are now available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. For those who have had envelopes in the past please look for your name on the box. It will have the same number envelopes you had this year. There are un-labeled boxes for anyone who hasn't used the offering envelopes but would like to start. For those new to using the envelopes please put your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year. Thanks! Statements for 2022 will be mailed out in January.

### THANK YOU!

A wholehearted thank you to all who helped to make the Adopt-a-Family a success! Coventry Human Services are very grateful for our support and being a blessing to our neighbors. May your hearts be refreshed in your cheerful giving!

### 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 **January 11<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*

### *The Obedient Servant*

Isaiah 50:4-11

**Main Preaching Point:** Since the LORD's Servant has robed you in his righteousness through his own obedience, you have been set free from self-reliance to live in total dependence upon God.

- The Servant's Obedience in Listening: Christ's active obedience
- The Servant's Obedience in Suffering: Christ's passive obedience
- The Servant's Proclamation to fear the LORD: Trust and Obedience

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Isaiah 50:4-11

Title: The Obedient Servant

Questions:

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

#### **The Servant's Obedience in Listening: Christ's active obedience**

2. Read v.4-5. What do these verses tell us about the Servant? What does it mean that "The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught"? And for what purpose does the Servant learn and grow in understanding? Discuss.

3. Galatians 4:4 says that Christ was "born under the law". Why was it necessary for Christ to be obedient to the law of God? Read also Acts 3:14 and Hebrews 4:15 and discuss.

- According to the sermon what is 'the active obedience of Christ' and why is it important.

4. This passage of scripture expresses the humanity of the Servant/Messiah. Read the following from the Westminster Larger Catechism and discuss.

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

#### **The Servant's Obedience in Suffering: Christ's passive obedience**

5. Read v.6-9. What characterizes the Servant in these verses? Read Philippians 2:5-11 and discuss.

6. According to the sermon what is the "passive obedience of Christ" and how do these verses support it? Explain.

#### **The Servant's Proclamation to fear the LORD: Trust and Obedience**

7. Read v.10-11. What does it mean to fear the LORD and why does the Servant point his hearers in that direction?

8. How does the Servant, in his active and passive obedience provide a pattern for living out your faith? Discuss.