

# The Lord's Day

January 1, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."  
-Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 889) [Zephaniah 3](#)

Leader: The Lord your God is in your midst,

**A mighty one who will save;**

He will rejoice over you with gladness;

**He will quiet you by his love;**

**He will exult over you with loud singing.**

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem

**The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.**

\* Hymn 194 [O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#) VENI EMMANUEL

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 453) [Psalm 16:5-11](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 944) [Romans 8:26-30](#)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 226 [As with Gladness Men of Old](#) DIX

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Rehearsing Truth to Spring Forth Hope*

Text: [Lamentations 3:22-24](#) (Bible, p. 688)

Pastor Will Snyder

\* Hymn 457 [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#) NETTLETON

The Lord's Supper

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

Deacon's Offering

\* Hymn 429 [Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured](#) JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

\* 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.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 1, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Richard Jones  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Walter Mayo  
**Ushers:** Scott Bolliger  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Terri Christians, Ava Wilson  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Sundet Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:**

January 8, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Scott Warren  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** David Embree  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Audio:** Benjamin Bassett  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Sierra Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Sundet Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:** *Shepherding Groups-  
No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	12:00 PM	McKinnon/Edwards Bridal Shower
Sunday	12:00 PM	Shepherding Groups

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### 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 January 2<sup>nd</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](mailto: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.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Pastor Will or Mark Popovitch (860.742.7222).

### 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.

### 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.

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

### *Rehearsing Truth to Spring Forth Hope*

#### Lamentations 3:22-24

**Main Preaching Point:** Amidst the sorrows and pains in life and faith, rehearse the truth of God's never-ending mercy, so that hope will spring forth.

- The Setting—Understanding Lamentations
- No Hope—the end of the rope (3:18)
- Rehearsing Truth—pointing our hearts to the Lord (3:21)
- Hope Springs—THE TRUTH
  - The never-ending mercy of God (3:23-24)
  - The treasure of waiting for God (3:25-27)
  - The interim of suffering (3:31-32)
  - The goodness of God (3:25, 33)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Lamentations 3:22-24

Title: Rehearsing Truth to Spring Forth Hope

**Questions:**

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

#### The Setting—Understanding Lamentations

2. According to the sermon what are some of the unique and important literary devices used in Lamentations? What is an acrostic? How are the acrostics in chapters 1&2 different than in chapter 3, and what gives emphasis to chapter 3? Discuss.

3. Though ch.3:22-24 are very well known and quite comforting, how does the surrounding verses and context make them all the more important? See ch.3:1-5.

#### No Hope—the end of the rope (3:18)

4. Read ch.3:18. Have there ever been times in your life and faith where you lost hope? What were the circumstances? Consider the different ways that one's hope can be challenged. Think of circumstantial matters, personal sin struggles, or issues and feelings such as anxiety or a spirit of melancholy. Consider 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 and discuss how this might be a helpful window in processing trials/suffering and restoring hope.

#### Rehearsing Truth—pointing our hearts to the Lord (3:21)

5. Read ch.3:21. What does the author do which serves as the condition for being filled with hope? How would you apply this to your own life—both during seasons that are filled with difficulty and trial, but also on a daily basis? Explain.

- What is it that the author calls to mind (see v.22-24)?

#### Hope Springs—THE TRUTH

6. Reflect on the following four truths:

- The never-ending mercy of God (3:23-24)
- The treasure of waiting for God (3:25-27)
- The interim of suffering (3:31-32)
- The goodness of God (3:25, 33)

7. In what ways can this text point us to the gospel of Christ?