

The Lord's Day

January 22, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Blessed be the Most High...for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"
-Daniel 4:34-35 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 146](#)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Whose hope is in the LORD his God.

* Hymn 57 [Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul](#) RIPLEY

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 740) [Daniel 4:1-18](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 945) [Romans 9:19-26](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn 128 [God Moves in a Mysterious Way](#) DUNDEE

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 170 [Fairest Lord Jesus](#) CRUSADER'S HYMN

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Most Important Headline* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [Daniel 4:19-37](#) (Bible, p. 741)

* Hymn 166 [Wondrous King, All-Glorious](#) WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

* Benediction

Postlude

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.

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Return to the Lord's house this evening with the Lord's people and hear from the Word of the Lord! Elder Sterling Harmon will be preaching on "The Identity and Purpose of the People of God" as we revisit 1 Peter 2:4-10.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 22, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening Audio:

January 29, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Elizabeth Sundet, Alivia Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	6:00 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Friday	4:00 PM	Edwards/McKinnon Rehearsal
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	2:30 PM	Edwards/McKinnon Wedding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

EDWARDS/MCKINNON WEDDING

Ian Edwards and Sarah McKinnon would like to invite their church family to attend their wedding ceremony occurring **Saturday, January 28th, 2023, beginning at 2:30 PM** here at PCC. Refreshments and fellowship will occur after the ceremony from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 10th). We will hear reports on various ministries of the church and hear a report on the 2023 budget. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

MEN'S RETREAT

March 24 – 26, 2023 (Dinner Friday evening through worship on Sunday)

Location: Pilgrim Pines Retreat and Conference Center, Swanzey, NH

Save the date men! Old and young. We will be joining the Pilgrim Pines men's retreat for a weekend of building community. The men who attended last year found it very rewarding. There is always plenty of good food and time for fellowship. Saturday provides for some free time in the afternoon. There are plenty of options. One will

be a hike of Mt. Monadnock led by Mark Franson. The lakeshore setting is beautiful and peaceful. Often there are loons and sometimes a bald eagle. Make it a priority. Unplug and prepare for conversation with other men – about guy-stuff. Plenty of unstructured time. See you there!

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

(Every other Monday – next one Jan. 23rd)

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.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

We are heading into Year 2 of the revamped Midweek Recharge ministry! It has been an exciting twelve months of food and fellowship as we have met on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month to share a provided meal as a congregation, be encouraged in God's Word, and join together at His throne of grace for the needs of His people, His praise, and glory. Additionally, the teens of the church and the younger kids have benefitted from a time to gather to hear from God's Word and fellowship in their own small groups.

We would love for this ministry to continue in 2023, but there is a need for servant-leaders in the area of the meal planning and preparation. This task would be best handled by more than one person, as there are several aspects that need to be covered: planning

the meals, purchasing of food, preparing the meal, set-up, and clean up. We have tried to simplify the planning of the meals by picking four dinners to rotate through, but the handling of those meals still might be best with multiple people dividing the labor.

Many of you have helped in the past in this area, and we are very grateful for your service. Moving forward, if anyone is able and willing to take more of a leadership role, please contact Mark Popovitch (860-690-2470) or Pastor Will. We are happy to answer any questions you may have in this regard as well.

THANK YOU'S!

I appreciate your thoughtfulness for your Christmas gift. It is an honor to serve Our Lord's church in maintaining the grounds.

Jeff Hofmann

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift! And even more, thank you for the privilege of sharing my passion for music and worship with all of you each Sunday. I pray that each one of you might find the music to be uplifting, encouraging, and an aid to worship.

Sincerely,
Carol Jones

Dear Congregation,

We are grateful to the Lord for your kind gift to us and to all the staff. Your generosity warms our hearts and it is a joy to serve with you our precious Savior, Jesus Christ. May your kindness be multiplied throughout the church of our Lord.

Sincerely,
The Snyder Family

Thank you so much for your generosity, PCC! It has been an honor to serve alongside you as your sister in Christ. I look forward to continuing to walk alongside you this new year as your Women's Discipleship Coordinator.

In Christ,
Hannah Sung

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Most Important Headline

Daniel 4:19-37

Main Preaching Point: Main Preaching Point: Since the LORD is King, engaging and governing all nations, humble yourself before him that you would know his restoring and exalting grace.

The God who Engages

The God who Disciplines

The God who Restores

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 4:19-37

Title: The Most Important Headline

Questions:

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

The God who Engages

2. Read v.4. What was the problem and danger that King Nebuchadnezzar was facing? Though he had acknowledged the LORD in times past, how did his knowledge fall short in giving to the LORD his due? Explain.

3. Why does the LORD continue to plant dreams in the king's mind? What is the LORD after? What does this reveal about the character of God and his interest in the nations? Discuss.

- How should the LORD's engagement with the king serve our thinking and outlook in regards to: 1) the world in general, and 2) kings and civil magistrates?

- Read Psalm 2 and Matt.28:16-20 and discuss their relevance in light of Daniel 4.

The God who Disciplines

4. Read v.28-33. Focus in on v.30. Why does the LORD bring judgment and discipline to the king?

- As believers, does God discipline us? What for? Read Hebrews 12:3-11 Discuss.

5. Read Jeremiah 18:1-8. How is the picture of the Potter and Clay, as well as the Lord's words in Jer.18:7-8 applicable to the situation with Nebuchadnezzar? Discuss.

The God who Restores

6. Read v.34-37. How does the LORD restore the king? What does he do in light of his transformation and restoration?

7. Two times, in v.34 & v.36 we're told his "reason" returned to him. Discuss the following statement: "It may be that a hint is here being given that we come to be truly in our right mind when we begin to view and value everything else in the light of heavenly realities. The whole tenor of the psalm (v.34-35) suggests that his life has received a new orientation..."—Ronald Wallace

8. Though the king perhaps acknowledged that the Most High God rules in the heavens, but he needed to be changed in mind and heart to come to see that the Most High also rules down below, on earth. How is this applicable in our lives, our families, church, and government? Discuss.

9. How does this passage instruct us in the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ?