

The Lord's Day

January 29, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble...draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."
-James 4 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 500) [Psalm 100:1-5](#)
(responsive reading)

* Hymn 1 [All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 742) [Daniel 5:1-12](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 946) [Romans 9:30-10:4](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul* arr. Steele/Twit

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 562 [All to Jesus I Surrender](#) SURRENDER

Reception of New Member

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *First Things – A Humble Heart* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Daniel 5:13-31](#) (Bible, p. 742)

* Hymn 486 [God, Be Merciful to Me](#) REDHEAD

* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new member this morning: **Roxana Lessard.**

Evening Service, 6:00 PM:

Sunday evening worship is a great way to close out the Lord's Day and prepare for the week ahead. Join us at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for an hour of singing, prayer, and hearing from God's Word with other redeemed sinners-made-saints. Tonight, Mark Popovitch will be preaching from 1 Peter 2:11-12, "This is Urgent!"

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

February 5, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Ava Wilson
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Wednesday 1:00 PM Bible Study
Saturday 7:00 AM Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for Friday, February 10th (**note new date**) at 7:00 PM (if inclement weather that night, it will be February 17th). 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, February 23rd from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Sunday School Class for ladies will be starting on February 26th. Laurie Warren will lead an inductive study of the book of Ephesians. Homework will be assigned but it is not a requirement for attendance. Let Laurie know if you are interested in attending or have any questions. Text 860-759-4085 or email LaurieWarren86@gmail.com

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 Feb. 6th)

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

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

First Things – A Humble Heart

Daniel 5:13-31

Main Preaching Point: Since the mercy of God is able to reach beyond our sin, offer to the Lord a humble heart and choose to live with reverence after His Holy Name and purposes.

- Profanity—when ‘change’ changes again
 - Two Men—elected and rejected
 - Belshazzar—the rejected *choose* their rejection
 - The Sacred—the vessels of the Lord
 - Love through Truth—words at the last hour
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 5:13-31

Title: First Things – A Humble Heart

Questions:

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

Profanity—when ‘change’ changes again

2. Read Daniel 5:1-4. How do Belshazzar's actions go beyond vulgar and into the arena of profanity? How are his actions profane and sacrilege? Discuss.

3. Nebuchadnezzar eventually humbled his heart and gave praise to the LORD (Dan.4:34-37); with his personal transformation likely came reform throughout Babylon. Yet, how do things change in moving into chapter 5, with Belshazzar? What might this teach us about the place

of change in culture and where we ought not put our hope and trust? Discuss.

Two Men—elected and rejected

4. In Daniel 4 and 5 we have two kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, who respond differently to the Word of God. Read Daniel 5:20-23. How are their responses fundamentally different?

- Read Romans 9:14-18. How should we understand the relationship between God's election and man's responsibility and will? Is it God's election or is it the king's heart that chooses to be prideful (in the case of Belshazzar) or humble (in the case of Nebuchadnezzar)? Explain. Why is this important?

The Sacred—the vessels of the Lord

5. In v.1-4, King Belshazzar and those who share in the feast act in a profane way—defiling sacred things. Are some things in life and faith that are particularly sacred/holy? Is everything sacred? Are all things simply common? Consider things such as marriage, worship, the Lord's Supper, etc. Are there ways that professing Christians can act in profanity? Discuss.

Love through Truth—words at the last hour

6. Though Belshazzar was aware of Daniel's God and how Nebuchadnezzar was changed by him (Dan.5:20-23), he would not humble himself. In the end, Daniel simply delivers the message and hard word to Belshazzar. Read Daniel 5:24-30.

- How is the message of God's truth and gospel an aroma of life to some and an aroma of death to others? Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. How does this apply?

7. How does the story of Belshazzar relate to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Discuss.