

The Lord's Day

February 12, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him."

-Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

- * Call to Worship (Bible, p. 479) [Psalm 63:1-3](#)
- * Hymn 101 [Come, Thou Almighty King](#) TRINITY
- * Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 110:1-7](#)

Leader: The LORD says to my Lord:

**"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,

**"You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek."**

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;

**he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.**

He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 946) [Romans 10:12-21](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*
arr. A. Grant/M.W. Smith

- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn 261 [What Wondrous Love Is This](#) WONDROUS LOVE
- ** Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory
- * Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDETH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *Above All Earthly Powers* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Daniel 7:1-14](#) (Bible, p. 744)
- * Hymn 297 [All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!](#) DIADEM
- * 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.

Shepherding Groups, 12:00 PM:

All Shepherding Groups will meet today after the morning worship service. There will be no evening service tonight.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 12, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Toni Kirk, Natalie Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-
No Evening Service*

February 19, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Dee Volkert, Katie Lazzaro
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
Tuesday		Valentine's Day
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday-Sat		PCC Ski Trip
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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

LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

On **Saturday, March 11th** at **11 AM**, we're having a Tea & Testimony at the church. If you plan to attend please sign up on the clipboard on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Consider bringing a dish to share. If you need a babysitter please let me (Patricia Ohlund) know so we can plan accordingly. This tea will be open to teens in high school.

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!

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, April 23rd**, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) or the church office.

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

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. Next one – Feb. 13th.

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. Next one – Feb. 20th.

MIDWEEK 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 **2nd and 4th 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 **February 22nd**.

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-5th. 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).

VOTE

Ladies: Just a reminder to vote on the bathroom wall.

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Please be praying for those in Turkey and Syria impacted by the severe earthquake. Samaritan's Purse is providing disaster relief services and is deploying a 52-bed Emergency Field Hospital and approximately 75 staff. For more information or to donate to their work, visit their website: www.samaritanspurse.org.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Above All Earthly Powers

Daniel 7:1-14

Main Preaching Point: Though the world is full of conflict and seeks to thwart the will and power of God, set your heart upon the One who rules heaven and earth and whose Son has been given an everlasting dominion.

- The Tormenting Problem: A World in Conflict
- Moving Toward an Answer: The Sovereignty and Wisdom of God
- The Final Answer: The Reign of the Son of Man

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 7:1-14

Title: Above All Earthly Powers

Questions:

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

The Tormenting Problem: A World in Conflict

2. According to the sermon, how are chapters 7-12 of Daniel significantly different than chapters 1-6? Why does this matter?

3. Read Daniel 7:1. What have we learned already back in the transition of chapter 4 to chapter 5 about this time period and King Belshazzar (see ch.5:1-4)? The outlook, morale, and culture is at a low in Babylon. God has his man (Daniel) living amidst a nationally and politically brutal time. What does this teach us about God's value of the world and the call he has upon his people to be present in it? Discuss.

4. In Daniel 7:3ff, the vision Daniel has is of four beasts. What do these beasts represent? What about the 10 horns? The one horn? The picture is bleak. The beasts are bloodthirsty and greedy—looking to devour. According to the

sermon, how is the picture similar, but different from the image of the statue back in ch.2?

- What are some applications or takeaways in considering God's world being full of wickedness and evil, and yet the people of God living in the midst of it? In the sermon I mentioned the false view of "a dualistic view of good and evil"? What is it? How might Christians fall into this way of thinking? Discuss.

Moving Toward an Answer: The Sovereignty and Wisdom of God

5. Given the low morale and spiritual state of Babylon, perhaps Daniel was being negatively shaped by this. Perhaps this is one of the reasons God gave him the vision of 7:9-12. Read those verses. How does this vision provide a movement toward remedy for Daniel and God's people? Discuss.

6. Think about it. The beasts come up out of the sea—an image of chaos. But focus on 7:2. Who is it behind the stirring up of the sea? Who's really running things? Discuss the picture provided in v.9-10.

The Final Answer: The Reign of the Son of Man

7. Read Daniel 7:13-14. How does this picture provide the ultimate remedy to a world in which "the wrong seems oft so strong"? Who is this Son of Man, and when does he approach the Ancient of Days? Read Matthew 24:29-31. Discuss.

8. Notice in v.13, the Son of Man is not *descending* but *ascending* "to the Ancient of Days". Jesus Christ is the Son of Man and his dominion over all the earth was made clear through his death, resurrection, ascension, and upon the fulfillment of his promises in 70AD. The Kingdom of Christ and his dominion is present and on earth. Discuss important implications of applications of living as citizens in Christ's Kingdom on this fallen and sometimes seemingly chaotic and scary earth.