

The Lord's Day

February 19, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever."

-Daniel 7:18 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 107](#)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

Whom he has redeemed from trouble

And gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west,

From the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

For his wondrous works to the children of man

Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;

Let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

* Hymn 4 [All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above](#) MIT FREUDEN ZART

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 470) [Psalm 44:4-8](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 946) [Romans 11:1-12](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Give Thanks* arr. H. Smith

Reception of New Members

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *For All the Saints* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [Daniel 7:15-28](#) (Bible, p. 745)

* Hymn 358 [For All the Saints](#) SINE NOMINE

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn 307 [Nothing But the Blood](#) PLAINFIELD

* 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 members this morning: **Collin & Julia Robinson.**

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:

Join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:00, as we hear the testimony of God's grace in the life of Walt Mayo. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a brother in Christ and praise our Savior together.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

February 26, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anthony Lazzaro, Sue Owens
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Thursday	1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be this **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 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.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Sunday School Class for ladies will be starting on **March 12th**. 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!

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. 27th.

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 – Mar. 6th.

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).

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.

REPORT ON PCC STAFFING FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

One of the items that was addressed at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Friday, February 10 related to the area of staffing at PCC. Below is a summary of what was communicated at the meeting:

As a result of a growing need in the church for equipping and supporting lay leaders, planning and overseeing church ministries and events, and helping with pastoral counsel, the Session has determined that an Associate Pastor is desirable. This also comes in light of other changes in our staff. First, Hannah Sung plans to continue her seminary education at Covenant Seminary and is expecting to depart from PCC in the summer. In addition, Mark Popovitch has taken a position as Stated Supply at Covenant Church (PCA) in Millers Falls, MA. Though Mark and his family are continuing at PCC, he will be away for most weeks for a temporary period of time giving his attention to the people at Covenant Church. As a result, there is no longer a Ministry Assistant position at PCC and we are directing our attention toward the pursuit of an Associate Pastor. Though we have not yet called a congregational meeting in order to erect a Pastor Search Committee, the Session will be communicating with the congregation in the upcoming weeks and will provide direction as to the next steps.

Please be in prayer as we all seek the Lord's will, provision, and grace. And if you have any questions, please contact your Shepherding Elder or Pastor Will (860.742.7222).

May the Lord grant you his grace and peace.

In Christ,
Church Session

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is in need of a director or co-directors for this year. Duties include ordering materials, recruiting staff volunteers, handling registration, setting the schedule, and other tasks in this important ministry for the next generation to hear the Gospel during a week of Bible lessons, singing, snacks, games, crafts, and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with the pastor or one of the elders.

Give Thanks

5 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give
8 thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause He's
11 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give
14 thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the
17 Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus
20 Christ, His Son. And now let the
23 weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
26 rich, be-cause of what the Lord has done for
29 us." And now let the weak say, "I am
32 strong," let the poor say, "I am rich, be-cause of
35 what the Lord has done for us." Give
thanks, give thanks.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

For All the Saints

Daniel 7:15-28

Main Preaching Point: The Lord dispels our fears and overcomes our foes, giving us the eyes of faith to see our victory in Christ and his kingdom.

- An Anxious spirit: the alarming vision and haunting beast
- The Call for Perspective: Seeing the larger picture
 - Do not worry
 - Be watchful
- The Victory of the Saints: Union with Christ & possession of the kingdom

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 7:15-28

Title: For All the Saints

Questions:

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

An Anxious spirit: the alarming vision and haunting beast

2. Read Daniel 7:15. Why is Daniel anxious and alarmed? According to the whole chapter, what is the overall vision that Daniel has and what do the four beasts represent? What about the horn in v.20-21?

- Though Daniel had inquired further about the vision and what it meant (v.15-16), given that the Lord's further explanation is quite indefinite, what does this reveal about what Daniel (and us) needs to know? Discuss.

3. Though the Scriptures speak strongly about the sovereignty of God, what does it reveal about our Lord that he not only allows godless kingdoms and evil kings to arise, but that he permits them (at times) to persecute and cause suffering to the church? Discuss.

The Call for Perspective: Seeing the larger picture

4. Though there is a place for seeking to trace the historical identities of the four beasts and the little horn, yet it is very likely that this vision and picture also exists to teach God's people that this is the typical example of the kind of nations and empires and smaller powers on earth that will arise throughout history as God's purposes are worked out and the consummation of history approaches ever-nearer. The vision reminds us to have a larger perspective, that the beasts and little horn can arise in any generation—they are not only the Antiochus Epiphanes, but the Caesar's and the Nero's of the world, the spirit of antichrist seeking to wage war against the saints. Is this larger perspective important? In what ways? Discuss.

5. According to the sermon, given the larger perspective in looking at godless earthly powers, what are the two applications that were surfaced in the sermon?

- Do not worry. Daniel mentions in v.15 that he had an anxious spirit. Consider Matthew 6:25-34. What causes anxiety and worry? Is it circumstances? Discuss.
- Be vigilant. The fact that the Lord does not reveal the exact identity of the little horn or disclose the specific rulers throughout history that will arise and cause suffering to the saints, is a call for vigilance. Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. Discuss.

The Victory of the Saints: Union with Christ & possession of the kingdom

6. Read Daniel 7:18, 21-22, & 27. What do these verses have in common? How do they apply to you? What should these verses produce in the believer?

7. How does this passage point to the person, work, and kingdom of Christ? Discuss.