

The Lord's Day

March 5, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."
-Daniel 9:18-19 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 84](#)

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
Ever singing your praise!
For a day in your courts is better
Than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
From those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts,
Blessed is the one who trusts in you!

* Hymn 38 [Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise](#) JOANNA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 746) [Daniel 9:1-19](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 947) [Romans 11:36-12:2](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
arr. M. Papa, M. Boswell, & M. Bleecker

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *A Prayer and a Prophecy* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Daniel 9:20-27](#) (Bible, p. 747)

* Hymn 168 [I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art](#) TOULON

* Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 845

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

* Hymn 498 [Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!](#) HYFRYDOL

* 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.

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:

Our Sunday evening worship service starts at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come sing, pray, and hear from God's Word to close out your Lord's Day rest. Tonight, Elder John Sundet will be leading us.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

March 5, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: David Embree
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Sierra Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson Shepherding Group

Evening Audio:

March 12, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson Shepherding Group

Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Tea & Testimony
Sunday	2:00 AM	DST - Turn clocks forward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight savings time begins on March 12th at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

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

VAN EYK WEDDING

Victoria Lakes and Nathan van Eyk are new to PCC and they are engaged to be married March 18th at 11 AM! They would love to invite the church to celebrate their marriage with them as they vow

their lives to one another and become united as one in Christ. Please consider joining them on this joyous occasion!

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!

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KEARA EDWARDS

The women of PCC are invited to attend a bridal shower in honor of Keara Edwards. We will gather on **Saturday, March 25th from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church of Coventry**. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. We hope you can join in celebrating our bride-to-be! Keara is registered at Amazon and The Knot Registry Shore. www.theknot.com/us/kearabram

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 – Mar. 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 – 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 **March 8th**.

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 (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.

MEAL MINISTRY FREEZER

The deacons have purchased a small freezer dedicated solely to the meal ministry. Currently there are four meals in the freezer. There is a list on the outside of the meals and their ingredients as well as side items that go with them. Please take a meal for yourself or give one to someone that can use one and mark off the meal that you have taken. We are also looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to make meals as they are needed going forward. Please contact Pete or Jill Benedict with questions or to sign up.

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, one of the elders, Sue Owens or Anita Hilinski.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Called Congregational Meeting 2023-03-19

The Session has called a congregational meeting for March 19th, just after morning worship.

The meeting's purpose is to provide opportunity for the congregation in the first step of acquiring an associate pastor. The decision to hire an associate pastor was announced and explained

last month at the congregational meeting of February 10th. An *associate* pastor serves at the behest of the congregation, whereas an *assistant* pastor is hired by, and serves at the will of the Session specifically—refer to Pastor Clark's change in office to assist in transition after Pastor Will arrived at PCC. As an associate pastor's relation to the congregation is of a more enduring and intimate nature, the congregation oversees an associate's selection. Our Book of Church Order provides instructions for the process of selection, and the first step is the electing of a *search committee* that will seek-out and offer-up a suitable candidate to the congregation at large.

The action entailed in the meeting of March 19th is itself a precursor to the formation of such a committee: based on the carried motion of the Session to seek an associate, the Book of Church Order (20-2) instructs the congregation to first choose either to elect a search committee, or to designate the Session to function as the search committee. If the former is chosen, a subsequent congregational meeting will be called to facilitate the election of that committee from the congregation at large. The Session has a detailed job description to offer for that committee's guidance.

Please plan to remain at church for a few minutes after worship on March 19th for this meeting. Voting members of the congregation are all communicant members in good standing.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

A Prayer and a Prophecy

Daniel 9:20-27

Main Preaching Point: In light of God's perfect timing in our life and redemption, live a repentant life knowing that the mercy of God is sufficient.

- The Prayer: Supplication and the God of all Grace
 - The Prophecy: God's use of Time for the Good of His People
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 9:20-27

Title: A Prayer and a Prophecy

Questions:

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

The Prayer: Supplication and the God of all Grace

2. Read Daniel 9:1-2. Focus on the words, "I, Daniel, perceived I the books..." According to the sermon what are these "books" that Daniel is referring to? We know he is at least referring to the book/scroll of Jeremiah; but what about other Old Testament books? What role is the Word of God playing Daniel's life? Discuss.

3. We learned back in chapter 6:10ff that Daniel had a habit of praying privately in his room three times a day. But now that we learn about his attention to "the books", what does this reveal about what is spiritually feeding Daniel—what is giving him his sustenance and orientation while living in exile?

- Consider your own life. How is the Word of God giving you direction, orientation, purpose, and hope? Is it? What are your habits as it relates to reading, learning, and meditating upon God's Word? The NT reading in today's service was Romans 12:1-2. Read the passage and relate.

4. After Daniel reads and considers the books, what does he do in response to learning about Jeremiah's prophecy? Verse 3 provides the answer. In light of this, what is the relationship between mediation upon God's Word and prayer? What might happen to a believer who is turning to God in prayer but neglecting the Word of God? Discuss.

5. Focus on Daniel's prayer in v.3-19. What does his prayer reveal about his own heart?

- What does the prayer reveal about how he sees himself unified to the larger covenant community? How might we apply this to our day and context?
- What does the prayer reveal about the character of God?
- How might Daniel's prayer help inform us and our prayer life?

The Prophecy: God's use of Time for the Good of His People

6. Read Daniel 9:2, 20-27. Read also Jeremiah 25:12. According to Jeremiah, how long was exile to be? When the LORD reveals to Daniel the length of time, he says, "seventy weeks are decreed..." That is, not merely 70 years, but $70 \times 7 = 490$ [years]. What happens at the end of 490 years? See v.24.

- How is this prophecy fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- Though scholars vary in the precise timing and fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, how should his words bring assurance to the people of God? Explain.