

The Lord's Day

March 19, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
-John 10:9-11 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Isaiah 60](#)

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
And thick darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will arise upon you,
And his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
They all gather together, they come to you;
Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
The sun shall not be your light by day,
Nor shall the moon give you light;
But the LORD will be your everlasting light,
And your God will be your glory.

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

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 748) [Daniel 11:1-28](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 948) [Romans 12:9-13](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

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

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The People Who Know Their God* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Daniel 11:29-45](#) (Bible, p. 749)

* Hymn (insert) *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*
arr. J. Robinson, R. Thompson, & M. Farren

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn 283 [Alleluia! Alleluia!](#) EBENEZER

* 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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

March 19, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Elizabeth Sundet, Alivia Snyder
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

March 26, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson 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
Fri-Sun		Men's Retreat
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	2:00 PM	Keara Edwards' Bridal Shower
Sunday	9:30 AM	Ladies Sunday School Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

MEN'S RETREAT

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

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

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 Store. www.theknot.com/us/kearabram

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hoping to welcome additional knitters/crocheters to the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we have decided to change the dates of our casual get togethers (NOT meetings!!!) to the 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 in the afternoon (next one will be **March 27th**). We will begin with a prayer then knit and chat for about an hour, ending by asking God's blessing on any completed shawls. All 24 shawls produced so far have been donated. A huge thank you to everyone involved!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are planning to hold VBS this year from July 31 – August 4. Collin and Julia Robinson will be Directors. There will be a meeting after worship on **April 2nd**, in the combined classrooms adjacent to the kitchen, for everyone possibly interested in assisting with VBS this year in any way. We will introduce the theme, discuss plans, and outline opportunities to serve in various capacities. Please plan to attend if you have any potential interest in supporting VBS. Please see Collin, Julia, Anita Hilinski, or Sue Owens with questions, or if you are interested in supporting VBS but will be unable to attend.

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. 27th.

Zoom Women's Bible Study led by Elizabeth Koopman at 7:00 PM. 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. 20th.

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.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The People Who Know Their God

Daniel 11:29-45

Main Preaching Point: As the LORD authors and directs history to a glorious end, live as those who know their God and who stand firm in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- The Priority of Word over Image
- God's Hand in the Big Picture of World History
- Human Responsibility in God's Story
- Moving toward 'the time of the end'

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 11:29-45

Title: The People Who Know Their God

Questions:

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

The Priority of Word over Image

2. According to the sermon and overall text, how is this description of rising kingdoms different than previous revelations that came to Daniel? Though throughout biblical times the Lord revealed his purposes and ways in part through dreams and visions, how does the ministry of the word take greater priority in God's revelation (over that of visions, symbols, and images)? Discuss.

- Read Hebrews 11:3 and Romans 10:11-15. Discuss.

God's Hand in the Big Picture of World History

3. Consider Daniel 11:1-35. Through this long and somewhat detailed account of Persian and Greek history, including the Seleucid's and

Ptolomaic Dynasties, what are some of the main turning points and figures that emerge? According to the sermon consider the following:

- Who is the mighty king of verse 3, who rises with great dominion but is somewhat quickly plucked up? During what time frame did Alexander the Great reign? What's important about it as it pertains to the biblical story?
- What dynasties are represented in "the king of the south" (v.5) and the "King of the north" (v.6)?
- Who emerges from the Seleucid Dynasty (the north) in v.28-32 (read also v.36)? What did Antiochus Epiphanes IV do that was so profane?
- Who are the people "who knew their God" in v.32? How is this applicable today?

4. What are some of the main lessons and applications that can be made in thinking through this 'intertestamental time' in the history of God's redemption and salvation story? Discuss.

Human Responsibility in God's Story

5. Though there is a lot that takes place in Daniel 11, including the truth and reminder that God's hand guides history—yet, discuss the role of human responsibility, both in terms of those outside of the covenant community as well as those who profess faith in the true God. Put yourself in the shoes of those covenant members who have been dispersed to many regions around Egypt, Babylon, Palestine, and Phrygia. What would your main concerns be? Connect their context to our own—can we relate? How?

Moving toward 'the time of the end'

6. Read Daniel 11:36-12:3. What time is being referred to? How does ch.12:1-3 provide hope? How does the gospel of Christ shed light on this text? Discuss.