

The Lord's Day

March 26, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."
-John 14:1-3 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 1014) [1 Peter 1:3-5](#)

* Hymn 80 [Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee](#) RIPLEY

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 494) [Psalm 79:9-13](#)
(responsive reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 948) [Romans 12:14-21](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn 156 [O Lord, How Shall I Meet You](#) ST. THEODULPH

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *We Will Glorify* arr. T. Paris

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Long Journey Home* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Daniel 12:1-13](#) (Bible, p. 750)

* Hymn 700 [Come, We That Love the Lord](#) ST. THOMAS

* Benediction

Postlude

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

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.

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 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*): Elizabeth Sundet, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

April 2, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Tim Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	2:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Ladies Sunday School Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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. Snacks will be provided. 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.

JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On **Thursday, April 6th** we will join with some of our sister churches at the **Presbyterian Church of Manchester** (394 Lydall St., Manchester) for a Maundy Thursday service. We encourage you to participate in this time of worship and fellowship as we celebrate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 9 (Easter morning) we will be providing some various refreshments (e.g. pastries, fruit, juice, etc.) from 9:00-10:15 AM. You're encouraged and welcome to come during any portion of that time to enjoy fellowship and food as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is Risen!

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 AM). 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.

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL WORSHIP

Let's get together for an evening of worship! We'll sing and play a variety of music together. Some hymns out of the book, some solos, some groups, some Psalms, all to the glory of God. This event will take place on Sunday evening, at 6:00 PM on April 23rd.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Any musicians who would like to bring some music, please reach out to Abe Millett (abemillett@protonmail.com or (860) 458-8047).

Let's bring our gifts to the Lord, and may they be a pleasing aroma!

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 Maddie Edwards and Hannah Sung 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 – Apr. 3rd.

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.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

As one avenue to encourage one another and be strengthened in faith, we provide a mid-week gathering twice a month on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays, starting at 6:00 PM.** We enjoy a meal and social time from 6-7pm., and then shift to a ministry of prayer and devotion. There is also a ministry to children and youth. This is a great opportunity to invite others outside PCC to share a meal and spend time together.

For those who would like to contribute meals, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall with a list of needs for the upcoming meeting. Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142) or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Long Journey Home

Daniel 12:1-13

Main Preaching Point: As you journey toward your eternal home, be satisfied in your longing for joy and rest in Jesus Christ, knowing that amidst your earthly sojourn Christ Jesus hides you with him in God.

- Longing for Home
 - The Journey
 - The Certainty of Joy & Rest
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 12:1-13

Title: The Long Journey Home

Questions:

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

Longing for Home

2. Read Daniel 12:1-3. Describe this aspect of the vision that is given to Daniel. What time is it referring to? Read John 5:25-29. Relate.

- What is "the book" (v.1)? Read Revelation 20:11-15. In what way(s) does this passage shed light upon the text of Daniel? Discuss.

3. How do the opening verses of Daniel 12 reveal the believer's need to *long for home*?

- How would you define or describe the believer's ultimate home? Read John 14:1-3, 23; and Revelation 21:1-4. Relate.

4. What are the potential problems with seeking to make this earthly life our ultimate home? How can believers fall into that way of thinking and living? Give examples.

The Journey

5. Read Daniel 12:5-12. What does Daniel, and even the angelic being(s) on the bank of the river want to know from the man clothed in linen who is above the waters? See verses 6 & 8. What are the questions they have?

- How do the two questions that they ask—"how long shall it be..." and "what shall be the outcome..." relate to the challenge of living as believers in this fallen world?

6. Verse 12 says, "Blessed is he who waits..." Throughout Scripture there are times when believers struggle with what feels like God's unnecessary delay. When have you experienced a struggle as a result of having to wait for something or someone? Discuss.

- Read Romans 8:24-25. How would you describe the hope you have for continued growth in the Lord and for future glory? What role is hope playing in your life?

The Certainty of Joy & Rest

7. Read Daniel 12:13. How do these words provide the assurance of rest? Read Matthew 11:28-30. What is the rest that Jesus provides the believer? What changes might you need to make in your life in order to experience more of Christ's rest? Discuss.