

The Lord's Day
April 2, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY

Scripture for Meditation: "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."
-John 14:15-17 (ESV)

Prelude *Palm Sunday Medley* arr. Glen Poehlmann
Margaret, Dan, and Elizabeth Brown, brass
Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 498) [Psalm 93:1-2](#)

* Hymn 235 [All Glory, Laud, and Honor](#) ST. THEODULPH

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 613) [Isaiah 53:1-6](#)
(responsive reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 899) [John 12:12-19](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 247 [O Sacred Head, Now Wounded](#) PASSION CHORALE

Children's Moment

Hymn 189 [Jesus Loves Me, This I Know](#) JESUS LOVES ME

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?*
arr. Glenn Christianson
Margaret, Dan, and Elizabeth Brown, brass
Carol Jones, piano

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Helper Has Arrived* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [John 14:15-27](#) (Bible, p. 901)

* Hymn 98 [Now Thank We All Our God](#) NUN DANKET

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

* Hymn (insert) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. S. Townend

* 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.

COVID-19 Guidelines: Consistent with current state and local government guidelines, the use of face coverings is optional for all individuals.

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.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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:

April 9, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Tim Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group

Evening Audio: *Easter Sunday-
No Evening Service*

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
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service at PCM
Friday		Good Friday
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Fellowship & Food

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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 TODAY after worship, 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.

COMING EVENTS

JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On **Thursday, April 6th** at 7:00 PM, 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!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT: Spring Semester

A new 7-week session begins Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Classes run 4/25-6/6. New student fee: \$15 for one set of instruments. Returning students: Free. Please contact Colleen Millett to sign up or with any questions: 860-458-8129 or ckmillett@gmail.com. Spread the word!

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 – Apr. 10th.

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

We will **not** be having Midweek Recharge on April 12th. The next one will be on **April 26th**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. 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.

MESSAGE FROM VIRGINIA LLOYD

Virginia Lloyd sends her greetings to her brothers and sisters at PCC. She is doing well, and continues to live at Covenant Village in Cromwell. She misses PCC, but keeps in touch through the newsletter, and emailed announcements and prayer requests. If you would like to get in touch with Virginia, her address and phone number are in the back section of the Church Directory.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Helper Has Arrived

Daniel 14:15-27

Main Preaching Point: Though you will face trouble in the mission to which God has called you, live in the peace of Christ, knowing that the Lord has provided you the person of the Holy Spirit—the great Helper.

- Our Need—understanding the trouble we face
- Our Help—the arrival of the Comforter
 - *The Spirit's Forever Encouraging Friendship*
 - *New Resurrection Life*
 - *Deep Truth for World-Mission*

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Daniel 14:15-27

Title: The Helper Has Arrived

Questions:

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

Our Need—understanding the trouble we face

2. Read John 14:1, 27, and 16:33. What is the trouble that the disciples are facing? Consider the larger context of the *Farewell Discourse* (chapters 13-16). What is Jesus preparing them for?

- How does the larger context in which Jesus is preparing his disciples for his departure and for his Kingdom-mission apply to us? Discuss.
- What is the mission that Jesus calls the church to? In what way(s) do you see yourself as a part of that? Explain.

Our Help—the arrival of the Comforter

3. According to the overall text as well as the sermon, what is the antidote to the disciples' trouble that Jesus identifies? Read v.15, 21, 23-24. What does it mean to "keep the commandments"?

4. From Christ's Word flow three blessings and encouragements. What are they?

The Spirit's Forever Encouraging Friendship

5. Read v.16, 18, & 26. Who is the Helper? Is it a force? A power? Explain. According to the sermon what is meant by *paraclete* (i.e. Helper, Comforter, Advocate)? Describe the role and function of the person of the Holy Spirit.

- In what way(s) might the work and person of the Holy Spirit be an encouragement and strength in your life? Give some examples.

New Resurrection Life

6. Read v.19. How do these words anticipate the resurrection of Christ—and thus, the resurrection of the disciples? How might these words provide hope and strength for the mission?

- Consider the following words from Frederick Bruner: "Seeing Jesus raised, the disciples themselves were "raised"—from despair to mission, from desperate questions to powerful service."¹

Deep Truth for World-Mission

7. Throughout the text, where can you identify Jesus' promise to make truth known to his disciples? How does this apply to their calling and mission?

¹ Bruner, Frederick D. *Church Book*. A Commentary on John.