

# The Lord's Day

May 7, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." -Proverbs 2:3-6 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 982) [Philippians 4:4-7](#)

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

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Proverbs 2:1-6](#)

Leader: My son, if you receive my words  
**and treasure up my commandments with you,**

Making your ear attentive to wisdom  
**and inclining your heart to understanding;**

Yes, if you call out for insight  
**and raise your voice for understanding,**

If you seek it like silver  
**and search for it as for hidden treasures,**

Then you will understand the fear of the LORD  
**and find the knowledge of God.**

For the LORD gives wisdom;  
**from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 948) [Romans 14:1-12](#)  
(continuous reading)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn 253 [There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood](#) FOUNTAIN

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Way of Wisdom* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [James 1:5-9](#) (Bible, p. 1011)

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

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

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

\* Benediction

Postlude

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*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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Mark & Amber Popovitch in memory of Mark's mother, Elaine Gladden.

**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.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

May 7, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Doug Fox  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Howard Craig  
**Ushers:** David Embree  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Kevin Hilinski  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Fox Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:**

May 14, 2023

**Worship Leader:** Elder Sterling Harmon  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Peter Benedict  
**Ushers:** Walter Mayo  
**Audio:** Sam Edwards  
**Nursery:** 9:30:  
10:30 (*Worship*): Howard Craig, Natalie Snyder  
**Toddler Time:**  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Fox Shepherding Group  
  
**Evening Audio:** *Mother's Day-*  
*No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Monday	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Children's Music & Movement
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class
		Women's Bible Study
		<b>Mother's Day</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### KEARA EDWARDS & ABRAM HAMMER WEDDING

Keara Edwards and Abram Hammer would like to invite their church family to their wedding ceremony on **May 20th at 2 PM** here at the church. There will be a light reception to follow.

#### BABY SHOWER FOR CHLOE SINNAMON

Liz Sundet and Jennifer Sinnamon would like to invite all the ladies of the church to attend a baby shower for Chloe Sinnamon as she anticipates the birth of her baby boy in July!

The event is scheduled for **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship hall, from 1:30-4:30 PM.**

Sandwiches, beverages and a fruit platter will be provided. If you are able, please bring a dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the fellowship hall.

Chloe is registered at [Babylist.com](http://Babylist.com).

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this blessing with our sisters in Christ.

#### 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 May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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!

### CANOE TRIP

Overnight canoe trip hosted by Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven on **June 2 & 3**. See the flyer on back table of fellowship hall for more information.

### LADIES' TEA & TESTIMONY

Ladies: Save the date for the next Tea & Testimony which will be on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM**. More details to follow.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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### 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 – May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 – May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### CHURCH NURSERY

The nursery will not be staffed during morning worship during the months of June, July, and August this year. The nursery will remain open for parents with their children. Parents will be responsible for cleaning the nursery space following use. Any concerns or questions about family alternatives during morning worship during these months may be directed to Richard Jones.

Nursery staffing will resume in September, and we are looking for additional volunteers to reduce the frequency in scheduling nursery staff. If you are willing to serve in the nursery approximately once every 2 months, please see Anita Hilinski.

### 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 Way of Wisdom

James 1:5-9

**Main Preaching Point:** Since the Lord is a generous and giving God, seek Him with confidence so that you may live a life that reflects the wisdom of Jesus Christ.

- The Need and Hunger for Wisdom
- The Application of Wisdom

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 1:5-9

Title: The Way of Wisdom

**Questions:**

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

#### The Need and Hunger for Wisdom

2. Read James 1:5. According to the sermon, what is wisdom? How is wisdom different than a general 'learnedness'? How is related to the idea of having skill, and *applying* God's Word? Discuss.

3. How is wisdom related to what James has said in v.2-4? If one has wisdom (v.5) how do they view life according to God's purposes and ways (v.2-4)? Explain.

- Think about the relationship of wisdom in v.5 and joy in v.2. How does a wise person see life, including the presence of various trials? How does this apply to you? Be specific and provide examples.

4. James has a very simple remedy—"if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God..." According to the larger text, as well as the sermon,

what does James *ground* this request for wisdom in? How does it relate to the character of God? Discuss.

- In a book that is highly practical, dealing with everyday real-life matters, what is important about James' emphasis on the character of God?

5. Read James 1:6-8. What is James emphasizing in these verses? How do we understand 'faith' in this passage? Is James saying that the amount of faith you have depends entirely upon you? Read Matthew 8:10 and Romans 12:3. Discuss.

- How do James' words speak to the way we see our Heavenly Father—the way we approach him and relate to him? Discuss.

6. What has God provided for the Christian so that his faith (and wisdom) might grow and develop? Explain.

#### The Application of Wisdom

7. Read v.9-11. What defines "the lowly brother" and "the rich"? How is James applying wisdom in how the poor/lowly brother and the rich should think about their life and what they should found it on?

- How does the gospel of Christ apply wisdom to people, no matter what their standing or position might be in life? Discuss.