

The Lord's Day

May 14, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."
-James 1:12 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 991) [1 Timothy 1:17](#)

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

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 31](#)

Leader: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

Let me never be put to shame

In your righteousness deliver me!

Be a rock of refuge for me,

A strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

And for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God."

Love the LORD, all you his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

All you who wait for the LORD!

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 949) [Romans 14:13-23](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn 644 [May the Mind of Christ My Savior](#) ST. LEONARDS

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* arr. C. Miner

** Pastoral Prayer

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Crown of Life* Pastor Will Snyder

Text: [James 1:12-18](#) (Bible, p. 1011)

* Hymn 642 [Be Thou My Vision](#) SLANE

* 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Scott & Danielle Bolliger in memory of Scott's father, Fred Bolliger and Danielle's mother, Patricia DiRusso.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

May 21, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Fox Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *Baccalaureate Service*
At 6:00 PM

This Week at Church

Tuesday	11:00 AM	Children's Music & Movement
	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Friday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	5:00 PM	K Edwards Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	2:00 PM	K Edwards Wedding
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class
		Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Baccalaureate Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

On Sunday, May 21st, at 6:00 PM, we will have our Baccalaureate Service. Please join us in a time to honor and congratulate the hard work and accomplishments of: **Benjamin Bassett, Faith Sinnamon, Natalie Snyder, and Ava Wilson**. There will be a time of fellowship with cake and refreshments after the service. Mark your calendars now for this event and please be in prayer for our graduating seniors.

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 28th, 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.

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 28th.

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 3rd at 11:00 AM. More details to follow.

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 – May. 22nd.

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 Elizabeth Koopman for the Zoom link via text/call: 860-324-9456 or via email: e.koopman61@gmail.com. Next one – May 22nd.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on May 24th. 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.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

During the month of May, communicant members of the congregation may nominate men for the office of Elder or Deacon. Please read the following information carefully.

Taken from the church's by-laws:

The election procedure for the Elders and Deacons shall be as follows:

Nominations will be open during the month of May and should be, as a minimum, announced from the pulpit the first Sunday they are open.

Only communicant members may nominate.

Each nominee should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. He must have been a member for at least one year at the time of his election.

The Session shall examine, instruct and evaluate the qualifications and suitability of the nominees for the office for which they were nominated and report the approved nominees to the congregation at least two Sundays before the congregational meeting.

A 2/3's vote of those members present is required for election.

Please read the relevant Scripture passages (Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3), consider the lives of the nominees prayerfully and give your nominations to one of the Elders or Pastors after having obtained a statement from your nominee of his willingness to serve.

Please make the nominations in writing along with a paragraph explaining why you think the man should be a church officer. You may send this information in an email to your shepherding elder or to Pastor Will.

CURRENT OFFICERS:

Elders: Armand Chenelle, Doug Fox, Sterling Harmon, Richard Jones, John Sundet, Scott Warren, Brian Wilson

Deacons: Peter Benedict, Scott Bolliger, Howard Craig, Jeff Edwards, David Embree, Walter Mayo.

Deacons Emeritus: Mark Franson, Randy Hershberger

PCC YOUTH CHOIR!

Hello, Church!

We are forming a Youth Choir at PCC this summer!

The choir is for ages -7-17 (lower age range must be able to read independently). Music will be for treble voices (girls; boys whose voices have not dropped yet).

YOUTH CHOIR SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Singers sign up for each month. To sign up, they must be able to attend all 3 rehearsals and the Sunday service for that particular month.

JUNE: Rehearse on three Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm -- 6/14, 6/21, 6/28. Sing during offertory on **Sunday, July 2nd.**

JULY: Rehearse Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm -- 7/12, 7/19, 7/26. Sing during July's Musical Worship Night (**Sunday 7/30? TBD!**)

AUGUST: Rehearse Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm -- 8/9, 8/16, 8/23. Sing during offertory on **Sunday, August 27th.**

Please contact Colleen Millett to sign up or with any questions!
860.458.8129 ckmillett@gmail.com

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Crown of Life

James 1:12-18

Main Preaching Point: By your new birth through the word of truth remain steadfast under trial, for God has promised the crown of life to those who love him.

- The Aim of Life
- The Pathway of Death
- The Miracle of Rebirth

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 1:12-18

Title: The Crown of Life

Questions:

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

The Aim of Life

2. Read v.12. How does this passage capture the overall aim/goal of the Christian life? Notice the key elements involved: trials, remaining steadfast, standing the test. Now, read v.2-4. Do you see the same elements? Compare v.2-4 with v.12. Identify the difference(s) that James addresses.

- Verses 2-4 address trials, endurance, and being tested—all resulting in a complete, perfected, mature believer. But v.12 results in receiving the 'crown of life.' The former is the fulfillment of a Christian character, while the latter is a final approval. Discuss what this reveals about God's aim and

goal for the believer. What are some applications or implications?

3. In v.12, what is the motivation for remaining steadfast that James identifies? In what way(s) is this important as the driving motivation for living after the Lord Jesus Christ? Explain.

The Pathway of Death

4. Read v.13-15. Though James makes clear in v.12 the aim of life, the believer will face pitfalls—including the possibility of temptations. James wants to guard the believer from thinking that when temptation comes, that God is the one tempting. So, what is temptation and how is it different from being tested? Discuss.

- Where does temptation begin, according to James? Is temptation itself sin? What role does the human heart play in it? Discuss. What results when the heart's desire is to entertain the temptation? In what way(s) does give birth to death? Give examples.
- For personal consideration or to share with close trusted believers: Are there particular areas of life that are a temptation for you? Identify them. Confess. Pray.

The Miracle of Rebirth

5. Read v.16-18. Describe James' flow of thought through the whole passage. How do these verses fit? In contrast to temptation, something God does not do, James identifies the God who gives good gifts. What is the gift he identifies in v.18? How does this relate to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?