

The Lord's Day

May 21, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."
-James 1:21 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 613) [Isaiah 52:7-10](#)

* Hymn 166 [Wondrous King, All-Glorious](#) WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 513) [Psalm 119:33-40](#)
(responsive reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 949) [Romans 15:1-7](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul* arr. K. Twit

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Life-Giving Word* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [James 1:19-25](#) (Bible, p. 1011)

* Hymn 455 [And Can It Be That I Should Gain](#) SAGINA

The Lord's Supper

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

* 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.

Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM:

Tonight 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.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

May 28, 2023

Worship Leader: Pastor Will Snyder
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Anita Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Fox Shepherding Group

Evening Audio: *An Evening of Musical Worship*
at 6:00 PM

This Week at Church

Monday	2:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Gathering
	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom 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
	1:30 PM	Chloe Sinnamon's Baby Shower
	6:00 PM	An Evening of Musical Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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**. Please come and bring a contribution to our lunch table. If you can arrive earlier to help us set up that would be great. I will need to know if we need a sitter for your kids.

Thanks,
Patricia Ohlund

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.

JOIN YOUTH CHOIR THIS SUMMER!

Ages 7-17 may sign up for our new Youth Choir!

JUNE: We will rehearse on three Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm -- 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, and sing during offertory on **Sunday, July 2nd**.

To participate in this month's sprint, singers must be able to attend all 3 rehearsals and the Sunday service. Sign up by Tues. 6/13.

There will be similar Wed. night sprints in July and August. Please contact Colleen Millett to sign up or with any questions!
860.458.8129 ckmillett@gmail.com

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 Life-Giving Word

James 1:19-25

Main Preaching Point: Having heard the word of truth, seek to yield to the power of the word and orient your life around it in such a way that reflects the likeness of Jesus Christ.

- Hearing the Word
- Receiving the Word
- Obeying the Word

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 1:19-25

Title: The Life-Giving Word

Questions:

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

Hearing the Word

2. In reading the whole passage, what are the various phrases or words that James uses to identify 'the word' (i.e. Scripture)? What is he referring to in each of these?

3. According to the sermon and scripture text, what are three main words/ideas that James emphasizes? How they related?

- Read v.19 & 22. What is meant by 'hearing' [the word]? What are different ways in life that we can hear the Word? Identify unhealthy ways of relating to God's Word (e.g. in the sermon I gave the illustration of viewing God's Word

like a car manual—something we only use and pay attention to when something's gone wrong).

4. Why doesn't James simply provide a practical "how-to" in reading the bible? Why does this perhaps fall short in addressing deeper issues? Explain.

5. Read Romans 10:11-17 and Matthew 11:15. Discuss their relevance.

Receiving the Word

6. Read v.21. James says, "receive...the implanted word." If hearing or reading God's Word is to expose oneself to it, what does it mean to *receive* the word? Discuss.

- James emphasizes that we are not only to hear the word but to receive, or welcome it in our lives. According to v.21 what is it that makes the reception of the word effective in one's life? How does it relate to "putting away filthiness" and receiving "with meekness"? Explain.

Obeying the Word

7. Read v.22-25. How would you compare being *hearers of the word* with being *doers*? Explain. Consider the illustration that James uses of a man who looks into the mirror but forgets what he looks like. What is James getting at? Discuss. What does it mean to be a *doer of the word*?

8. How does the overall passage relate to the gospel message? What does it reveal about the Lord Jesus and life as a follower of Christ?