

The Lord's Day

June 25, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" –and he was called a friend of God".
-James 2:22-23 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 357) [1 Chronicles 29:10b-13](#)

* Hymn 381 [Brethren, We Have Met to Worship](#) HOLY MANNA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 10) [Genesis 15:1-6](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 950) [Romans 16:17-27](#)
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) *We Will Glorify*

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 468 [My Faith Has Found a Resting Place](#) LANDAS

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Faith that Works* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [James 2:14-26](#) (Bible, p. 1012)

* Hymn 308 [Jesus Paid It All](#) ALL TO CHRIST

* 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.

An Evening of Musical Worship, 6:00 PM:

Let's get together for an evening of musical 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

June 25, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *An Evening of Musical Worship*

July 2, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Audio:
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at PCC*

This Week at Church

Monday	2:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Gathering
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Women's Sunday School
	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship at PCC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

VBS CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Attention all VBS Volunteers!

VBS is only 10 weeks away! In order to ensure a safe and secure environment for all children attending VBS, we are organizing two mandatory Child Protection Training sessions for all individuals who plan to serve. This training is also available for all who would like to serve in children's ministry, including Sunday school teachers and nursery staff.

The Child Protection Training sessions will be offered on the following dates: **Sunday, July 16th and Sunday, July 23rd**. Both classes will take place immediately after service in the classrooms adjacent to the kitchen. Please allow 30 minutes for the session.

Please note that attending one of these sessions is mandatory for anyone who intends to serve at VBS or in children's ministry.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

TRAVEL FOR PASTOR SNYDER & FAMILY

Pastor Will and his family will be traveling to Washington State on the evening of June 25th to visit extended family. They will be away for two weeks. If there is an urgent pastoral need feel free to contact him; otherwise, you may reach out to your shepherding elder.

VBS REGISTRATON IS OPEN!

It's time to charge into medieval times, where castles, knights, fire breathing dragons, and epic adventures await! Registration forms are

available on the back table and online registration will be available soon. Please return completed forms by July 23rd.

So, put on your armor of God and join us for VBS July 31st - August 4th.

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!

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BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Caring Families' Baby Bottle campaign has begun! Fill a baby bottle with coins (bills, even checks!) and you can help them provide ultrasounds, diapers, wipes, educational and spiritual support to women facing pregnancy decisions. The bottles are on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. You can return the bottles at church any time before September 4th. If you would prefer an online option, please visit www.carefamilies.com. Contact Danielle Bolliger if you have any questions. PCC has been very supportive in the past, and for that they thank you sincerely!

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIPS 2023!

During the months of July and August, we will have Backyard Fellowships in place of our regular Sunday evening service. We will gather at 5:30 PM at either a host home or PCC for a time of food & fellowship, devotion, singing and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting. The first backyard fellowship will be **July 2nd at PCC**. Please **sign up** on the clipboard on the back table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to host! Dates still available are July 16, August 20 & 27.

ON-LINE GIVING METHOD ANNOUNCED

The Deacons have launched a convenient, on-line method for giving to the church general fund, as well as to the Deacon's fund specifically.

In an internet browser, navigate to <https://coventrypca.church/giving> (or select 'Giving' from the horizontal menu of the church home page) and create an account ('Sign Up'). Then 'login' and set up to give according to the characteristics that best match your stewardship with the way you handle money in the electronic world.

The collection bags will continue to go around at the offering interval of our Sunday service. The taking-up of offerings is a part of our form of worship—an element of it within a design drawn from God's Word. Our form of worship *forms us*, week-by-week molding us into a people with the likeness of the Lord Jesus. Giving is baked-into our corporate worship; and in worshiping, we come to resemble the one who gives to the uttermost (2 Cor 8:9). We show-forth in worship that God is the giver of all, while we as a people grow as givers (cf. 2 Cor 8 and 9).

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers, please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Faith that Works

James 2:14-26

Main Preaching Point: Demonstrate true saving faith in Jesus Christ by holding nothing back in your devotion to God and in your loving-care for others.

Literary Structure of James 2:14-26

- A1 Illustration #1—Needy brother/sister.
Main point: Counterfeit faith is ineffective toward others (the hungry sent away)
(v.15-16): Summary: faith absent of evidential works is dead
- B1 Illustration #2—Believing Demons.
Main Point: Counterfeit faith is ineffective toward God (disgusted demons)
(v.18-20): Summary: Faith apart from works is empty/useless
- B2 Illustration #3—Abraham's Faith.
Main Point: Genuine faith is effective toward God (Abe's faith demonstrated)
(v.21-24): Summary: The work of obedience is evidence that faith is sincere
- A2 Illustration #4—Rahab's Costly Compassion.
Main point: Genuine faith demonstrates a costly care for those in need (receiving the spies)
(v.25-26): Summary: The action of works reveals a faith that is alive

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 2:14-26

Title: Faith that Works

Questions:

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

The Assurance of Faith

2. What is true faith? How would you define it? Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What are some of the key features of this text and what does it reveal about faith? Also, discuss what faith is *not*.

Evidence of a true faith in relation to others

3. James provides 4 illustrations to communicate the meaning and shape of true faith. Identify them. Focus in on illustrations 1 and 4 (v.15-17 & v.25-26). What is the contrast between how the poorly clothed and hungry believer is treated, and how Rahab acts? What does this reveal about faith? Discuss.

- True faith demonstrates a costly compassion to others, particularly fellow believers. Read Matthew 25:31-46. How do these verses provide commentary on James' teaching? What is distinctive about the sheep? How does it reveal costly care?

4. Consider your own life. What would it look like to demonstrate costly compassion to others? Think not only about the physical needs of others, but issues related to loss, emotional pain, loneliness, and trying circumstances. What does it look like to move toward and demonstrate the love of Christ?

Evidence of a true faith in relation to God

5. Consider the two middle illustrations. Read v.19-20 and 21-24. How is the demons faith and that of Abraham's a stark contrast? The demons seem to have a non-saving faith. But what does Abraham do to reveal the genuineness of faith?

6. While the 1st and 4th illustrations focused on the believer's relationship to others, illustrations 2 and 3 focus on the believer's relationship to the Lord. What does this faith look like in relation to God? How does it "hold nothing back"? What would this kind of faith look like in your own life? Give examples.

7. Examine your own life and the evidence of your saving faith. Consider drawing near to the Lord in prayer and repentance. Seek the heart of the Lord Jesus. Consider how James' words reflect the gospel of Christ.