

The Lord's Day

July 16, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water."
-James 3:10-12 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 106:1-5](#)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice,

Who do righteousness at all times!

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;

help me when you save them,

that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones,

that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,

that I may glory with your inheritance.

* Hymn 105 [O God, We Praise Thee](#) DUNDEE

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 470) [Psalm 44:1-8](#)
(responsive & continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 821) [Matthew 15:10-19](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Hymn (insert) *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*
arr. A. Grant & MW Smith

** Pastoral Prayer

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *The Terror and Taming of the Tongue*

Text: [James 3:1-12](#) (Bible, p. 1012)

Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 246 [Man of Sorrows! What a Name](#) HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn (insert) *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

arr. M. Papa, M. Boswell, & M. Bleecker

* 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.

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.

Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at Andrew & Marjorie Garrett's home, 93 Colburn Road in Canterbury. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, 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. (If there is rain, they will be able to accommodate for it at their home). Please plan to make these gatherings part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting. The last available date to sign up to host is August 27.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

July 16, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the Garrett's home*

July 23, 2023

Worship Leader: Pastor Will Snyder
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers:
Audio: Benjamin Bassett
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Jones Shepherding Group

Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at Steven & Amy Bassett's home*

This Week at Church

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| Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| Thursday | 7:00 PM | Deacons' Meeting |
| Friday | | PCC Newsletter Deadline |
| Saturday | 7:00 AM | Men's Covenant Group |
| Sunday | 9:30 AM | Women's Sunday School |
| | 5:30 PM | Backyard Fellowship at Steven & Amy Bassett's home |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Any member who serves in ministry with children or youth is required to complete Child Protection Training. The training includes an online video course, a brief in-person or Zoom meeting, and a background check for all adult volunteers. This training is mandatory for VBS volunteers (VBS is 3 weeks away!), Sunday school teachers and substitutes, and nursery volunteers.

In order to ensure a safe and secure environment for all children attending VBS, Child Protection Training will be offered 4 times in the month of July. Please plan to attend one of the following sessions:

TODAY or Sunday, July 23rd immediately following the worship service in Room 1.

Sunday school teachers and nursery staff can also attend one of these sessions in advance of fall training.

Please contact Deacon Howard Craig if you have any questions. His contact info is available in the online directory.

PCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Save the date: Saturday, September 30th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM, at A Villa Louisa in Bolton, CT. A celebration of God's faithfulness to our church body, past, present, and future. Details to follow!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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 as well as the church website. Please return completed forms by July 23rd. Put on your armor of God and join us for VBS **July 31-August 4th**.

Join us **Saturday, July 29th, 9 AM-12:00 PM**, to help decorate the church for VBS. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

VBS HELP NEEDED!

VBS is only 3 weeks away and we need your help! We need a recreation leader and snack/kitchen leader. We would love to have you be a part of this amazing team that brings the gospel to our church and community children. If you have any questions, please reach out to Collin Robinson, Anita Hilinski, or Sue Owens.

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!

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. There is also now a QR code

on the back of the bulletin. Using your phone camera, you can be linked to the online giving site.

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).

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **July 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.

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 Terror and Taming of the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Main Preaching Point: As those who have been brought forth by the word of truth, demonstrate a heart after Christ by bridling your tongue and using the ministry of word to bless the Lord and one another.

- **The Significance of the Tongue (v.1-5a)**
 - The Tongue's Disproportionate Power
 - The Tongue as Insight into the Heart
 - **The Terror of the Tongue (v.5b-8)**
 - **The Duplicity of the Tongue (v.9-12)**
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: James 3:1-12

Title: The Terror and Taming of the Tongue

Questions:

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

The Significance of the Tongue (v.1-5a)

2. Read v.1-5. How does James emphasize the significance of the tongue? According to the sermon, part of what James communicates is *the disproportionate power of the tongue*. What does this mean?

- What are the two metaphors/images that James uses to illustrate the power of the tongue?
- Read James 1:18. How is this passage connected to the ministry of our words/tongue? Explain.

3. Some words are merely informational—they exist to inform. But other words are transformational—they have a determining and

shaping effect. Think of some of the words uttered by the biblical saints: "Here I am! Send me" (Isa.6:8); "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (David in Ps.51). What do these words reflect and how can they shape the course and life of a believer?

4. While James emphasizes the effect of the tongue upon the whole of life (like a rudder to a boat), what gives shape to the tongue? In other words, what controls the tongue/rudder? Read Matthew 15:19. If what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, then to speak of the tongue is to speak of one's heart-and-mind-set. A controlled tongue is a controlled mind. The thoughts we have (whether of self, God, or others) come in the form of words. So, what is influencing your mind/thoughts? What commitments and disciplines might you consider to grow in possessing the mind of Christ? Give examples.

The Terror of the Tongue (v.5b-8)

5. Read v.5-8. What do we learn about the tongue in these verses? What are some of the ways you've either experienced or witnessed that the tongue has done tremendous damage to other people? What sins or acts of the tongue should the church of Christ be most on guard against? What are some of the clear, but also subtle ways that the Evil One seeks to tempt our tongue in bringing harm to others? Explain.

The Duplicity of the Tongue (v.9-12)

6. Read v.9-12. What is James' point in these verses? How can our tongue be a gauge or measurement of our heart?

- Read Romans 7:15-25. Relate Paul's words to what James says about the duplicity of the tongue.

7. Consider two things: First, what are some the clear applications of using our tongue to be a blessing to those around us? To our Lord? Give examples. Second, James' words point us to the Lord Jesus. Christ spoke truth even when it was costly. And on the cross, Jesus was like a sheep, silent before its shearers, so he did not open his mouth (Isa.53:7). How has the ministry of Christ's word changed you? How is it changing you?