

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 4, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: David Conte, Greg Attardo
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Danielle Bolliger, Deb Goodale
Toddler Time: Sue Owens, Elisabeth Craig
Coffee Clean-up: Ohlund
Backyard Fellowship: Jan McCulloch's home
103 Lipps Road, Ashford

August 11, 2019

Worship Leader: Pastor Will Snyder
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: Corey Christians, Steven Bassett
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Vanessa Mayhew
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time: Cheryl Cabral, Megan Cabral
Coffee Clean-up: Ohlund
Backyard Fellowship: David & Sunny Barbour's home
48 Howey Road, Ashford

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found He is my Light, my Strength, my
2. In Christ a-lone! Who took on flesh; Ful-ness of God in help-less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay; Light of the world by dark-ness
4. No guilt in life nor fear of death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

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Song; this Cor-ner-stone, this Sol-id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, Up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com

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fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je-sus
grave He rose a-gain! And as he stands in vic-to-
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

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peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-fort-
died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied, for ev-ery
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re-

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er, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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This Week at Church

Monday	9:00 AM	VBS Dance Team Rehearsal
	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	6:45 PM	PCC Summer Basketball
Saturday	9:00 AM	VBS Set-up
Sunday	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at the home of Jan McCulloch, 103 Lipps Road in Ashford. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, 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.

COMING EVENTS

BACKYARD SHAKESPEARE

Backyard Shakespeare will be producing two plays this season – Sheridan's *The Rivals*, and Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Performance dates for *The Rivals* will be Thursday, August 8th at 5:00 PM and Saturday, August 10th at 3:00 PM. Performance dates for *Macbeth* will be Friday, August 9th at 5:00 PM and Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 PM. Please check with Eleanor Georges or Backyard Shakespeare cast or crew when dates get closer for our performance locations. Suggested donation of \$20 per audience member will be set aside for Caring Families. Bring your lawn chairs, beverages, hats and sunscreen. Come early for our crowd openers that you won't want to miss!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019!

VBS 2019 is coming soon - Monday, August 12th – Friday, August 16th from 9:00 AM to Noon! Answers in Genesis presents this year's theme – "The Incredible Race: One Family, One Race, One Savior". Children will enjoy music, crafts, games, and snacks, all while hearing the Gospel message! What could be better than that? How about this – VBS is free and open to children ages 4 to 12! Please plan to join us for this week of fun and eternal significance!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive here at PCC. It will be held on Thursday, August 29th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 9:38-50.

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. If you have any questions please contact Dee Volkert.



LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to periodically check the lost and found table for items you may have left at the church or backyard fellowship. Thanks!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Between Feasting and Fasting

Matthew 9:14-17

Main Preaching Point: Between celebration and mourning, live in the wake of new life established through the presence of Christ.

- **The Question: The Matter of Fasting (v.14)**
 - Jesus, the Pharisees, and the practice of fasting
- **The Answer: The Presence of the Bridegroom (v.15)**
 - The Already but Not Yet of Christ's Presence
- **Two Pictures: New Garments and New Wine (v.16-17)**
 - New Life in the Wake of Christ's Presence

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 9:14-17

Title: Between Feasting and Fasting

Questions:

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

The Question: The Matter of Fasting (v.14)

2. Read v.14. What is the question the disciples of John ask Jesus?

- Read Luke 18:9-14. What do learn about the Pharisees practice of fasting? Was Jesus opposed to fasting? Read Matthew 6:16-18 and 4:1-2. Discuss.
- What is the purpose of fasting? Explain.

The Answer: The Presence of the Bridegroom (v.15)

3. Read v.15. What is the answer Jesus gives to John's disciples as to why his own followers are not fasting? What is significant about using the image of a wedding in responding to a question about fasting?

4. What is important about Jesus referring to himself as "the bridegroom"? See Jeremiah 3, Ezekiel 16, Isaiah 54, and Hosea 2, where God referred to himself as the husband of Israel. Why is this important? Explain.

- Jesus says, "can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them"? What does this mean about the presence of Christ? Is Christ present today? How should this shape our posture and attitude in life? How does it relate to joy?
- Read Philippians 4:4, Psalm 16:11, and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Do you consider yourself a joyful person in the Lord? What are the greatest threats to your joy?

5. Jesus says, "the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." What does this mean? According to the sermon, how is Jesus' presence ALREADY but NOT YET? Explain.

- How should our lives be shaped by both joy, feasting, and celebration, as well as fasting and mourning? Explain.

Two Pictures: New Garments and New Wine (v.16-17)

6. Read v.16-17. What do these two pictures mean? How is Jesus' Kingdom incompatible with the Pharisees system of living? In what ways does Jesus' Kingdom bring new life and joy? Explain.