

## Prayer Requests

**Prayer Chain:** If a prayer need comes up during the week that you would like to have shared with church members, please call the prayer chain coordinator at (860.XXX.XXXX).

**Corporate Prayer:** For requests that you would like to share with the congregation during Sunday morning corporate prayer, please email your request to [prayer@ledyardpca.org](mailto:prayer@ledyardpca.org) or leave a message at 860.464.8476 by 8pm Saturday. You may also share it with one of the Elders on Sunday before the Worship service begins.

<b>Today (9/1)</b>	<i>Worship service w/The Lord's Supper 9:30AM Discipleship Hour following Worship</i>
<b>Wednesday (9/4)</b>	<i>Songs &amp; Scripture</i>
<b>Next Sunday (9/8)</b>	<i>Worship service 9:30AM Discipleship Hour following Worship Church Fellowship following Discipleship</i>

*If you know of something that should be announced in the bulletin, please contact Pastor Rodney by Wednesday. Thanks!*



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# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MORNING WORSHIP

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2013



*<sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD! — Psalm 144:15*

# COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day of September 1, 2013

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## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEDITATION (Proverbs 16:20)

*Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 18:1-2)

*I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

#### Opening Prayer

#### Doxology

*Hymn 735: Gloria Patri*

#### Hymn of Praise

*Hymn 164: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## CONFESSION

### Confession Faith

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q39-42* p. 872

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Basis of Confession – Psalm 25* p. 792

## PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS (Matthew 5:7)

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

## Song of Forgiveness

*O Church Arise*

*Overhead*

## PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning*

*you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Old Testament (Psalm 113)**

**New Testament (Luke 9:18-25)**

## SERMON (Matthew 5:1-12)

*"Living in Christ: The Beatitudes"*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hymn of Response**

*Hymn 527: The Beatitudes*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Hymn of Response**

*Hymn 430: I Hunger and I Thirst*

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS (Matthew 5:3)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

## CHARGE (Matthew 7:24-27)

*[Jesus said] everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

## BENEDICTION

*Hymn 730: Benediction*

## SERMON NOTES

### *Life in Christ: The Beatitudes*

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## SERMON TEXT

### *Matthew 5:1-12 English Standard Version*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH APPLICATION

## *Life in Christ: The Beatitudes*

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1. In what way is the word blessed similar to happiness and in what way is it different? Why is making a careful distinction important?
2. Which of the beatitudes do you find most difficult to see as the good life? How does knowing that God's love and promises free you to see the beauty of the beatitudes?
3. How has knowing the beatitudes helped you to have a greater view of Jesus?
4. Did you find anything in the worship service particularly encouraging or challenging that you would like to share?

## FOR REFLECTION

He speaks and , list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe  
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

— Charles Wesley

Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God.

—John Newton

And "the poor in spirit" are rightly understood here, as meaning the humble and God-fearing, *i.e.* those who have not the spirit which puffeth up. Nor ought blessedness to begin at any other point whatever, if indeed it is to attain unto the highest wisdom; "but the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;" — Augustine

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

— US Declaration of Independence