

## THANKFUL FOR CHRIST'S COMING DOWN & GOING UP

Genesis 28:10-15 & John 1:43-51

**Intro: WSC Q & A # 54's description of our lives under God:**

**Q. What is required in the third commandment?**

**A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.**

**Just as Jesus saw Nathaniel under the fig tree, announcing His unseen presence in and knowledge of this disciple's whole life, so He guided Jacob's feet to Bethel by appearing when he least expected it.**

**LESSON: He is often unnoticed and underappreciated, but the LORD nevertheless plants the seed of holy fear in Jacob, Nathaniel and in us to grow into saving reverence of God's ways, attributes and Word.**

**The Situation when Christ Comes Down (John 1:51)**

**>> We like Jacob are asleep in our sins (Genesis 28:12)**

**>> We like Nathaniel are puzzled by God's will for our lives (Jn 1:48)**

**>> At such a moment - Christ Brings Heaven-Sent remedies down into our lives**

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A # 54:**

**Q: What do you believe concerning the "holy catholic church" ?**

**A: I believe that the Son of God through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2024

### TODAY

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
12/01	Dan T. and Rob	Kurt and Erin Kafferlin
12/08	Kevin and Craig	Craig and Michelle Comstock

- **The 2024 OPC Thank Offering—today is the final day to receive this offering.** Please use the special envelopes in your bulletin. This goes directly to home & foreign missions and Christian education throughout the world through our denomination's areas of service.
- **12:30 pm: Choir practice**
- **4:30 pm: Evening Service,** Scriptures— John 1:18, Ephesians 3:14-21; Sermon—Praying to the Father In His Eternal Purpose of Love (Pt II)
- **6:00 pm: First meeting of 1st Thessalonians** study at the home of Norm Therrien in Danville.

### THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Dec 4th, 7:00 pm:** Philippians Study on Zoom.
- **Thursday, Dec 5th, 1:30 pm:** Barre Bible Study at church
- **Thursday, Dec 5th, 6:00 pm:** Trail Life at church
- **Saturday, Dec 7th, 8:30-11:30:** Greens Party at COPC — see insert and feel free to invite neighbors!
- **Saturday, Dec 14th,** Men's Breakfast at church, 8:30 AM

### UPCOMING

- **Tuesday, Dec 24th, 6:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service— Carol sing and message. Please invite friends and family.
- **Youth Winter Weekend will take place at COPC Jan 10-12, 2025.** See the brochures in the foyer. Our church provides homes for the youth to sleep in and adult chaperoning for the activities and driving. Please be in prayer and mark your calendars for this, our 8th year of hosting.
- **April 11-12:** Presbytery Ladies' Retreat at Swanzey, NH.