

*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing
our community and world with Jesus

Lord's Day Worship

August 9, 2020

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-2

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Luke 11:5-9

Jesus said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Our Father, we confess that painful circumstances often drive us to fear, flight, or anger rather than to you in prayer. We reach for earthly remedies and self-made solutions rather than laying our burdens before you, asking you for your grace and mercy. Forgive us our sin, we pray.

Forgive us our pride and disbelief and our prayerlessness. Help us to remember that You are a good Father, and that every trial is ordained by you, advances your purposes, and will result in your glory. We pray in the Name of the One who suffered for our salvation and rose again, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-2

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in
whose spirit is no deceit.*

His Mercy is More

Song

What Wondrous Love Is This

Song

Prayers for the Work of Our Missionaries

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Come to the Altar

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 5. 11-26

Great Growth, Great Opposition

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Song

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May
your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:11-26 (English Standard Version)

¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 5. 11-26
Great Growth, Great Opposition

I. The Effect of the Gospel (vs. 12-16)

A. Powerful signs (v. 12)

- The _____ of the apostles

*The signs of a true apostle were performed among you ...
signs & wonders & mighty works. 2 Cor. 12.12*

- The _____ of the church

- The _____ of the church

B. Fearful respect (v. 13)

C. Astounding growth (vs. 14-16)

II. The Warfare of the Gospel (vs. 17-26)

A. An exposure of _____

B. A redefinition of _____

C. A display of _____

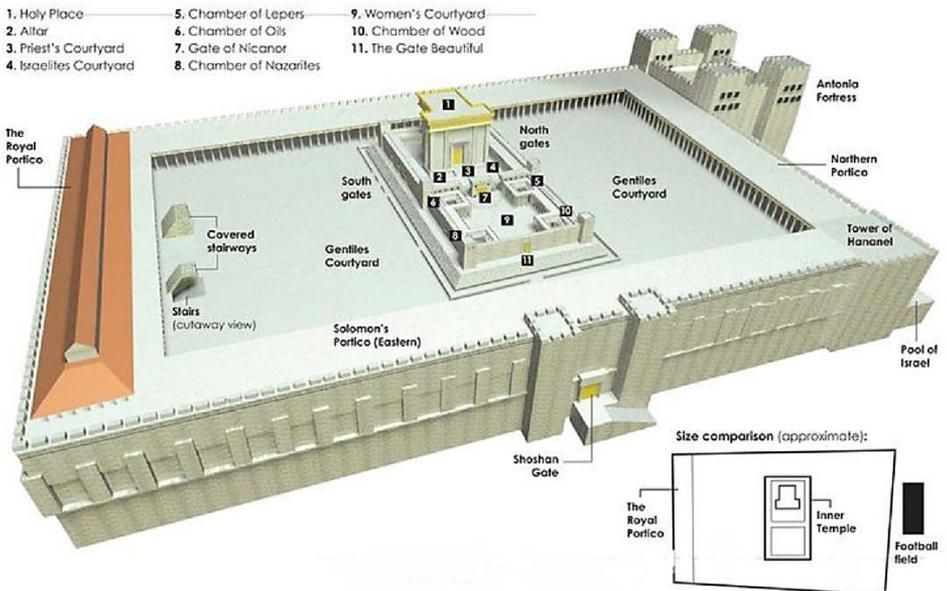
Sermon Quotes & References:



Herod's Temple

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Second Temple approximately 20-19 BC. The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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| 1. Holy Place | 5. Chamber of Lepers | 9. Women's Courtyard |
| 2. Altar | 6. Chamber of Oils | 10. Chamber of Wood |
| 3. Priest's Courtyard | 7. Gate of Nicanor | 11. The Gate Beautiful |
| 4. Israelites Courtyard | 8. Chamber of Nazarites | |



This Week:

TodayCongregational Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion
Tuesday.....Women’s *Ephesians* Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
WednesdayNowicki’s HFG, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Thursday*Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
FridayB & C Lacock’s HFG, 5:30 p.m. at the Pavilion
Saturday.....Women’s *Ephesians* Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. at the Pavilion
.....Christ’s Cupboard Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Announcements:

Congregational Meeting, Tonight, 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion. The session of Providence Presbyterian Church has called a special congregational meeting for presentation and consideration of Mr. Mark Opdycke for the office of deacon. There will be two items on the meeting agenda a couple of By-law changes will be presented and a secret ballot will be taken for the election of Mr. Mark Opdycke. Please prayerfully consider this important decision for both Mark and our church family. Any questions please see one of the elders.

Discovering Providence 2-Part Lunch and Learn Classes, August 31 and September 13 at 12:30-2:30 p.m. If you are new to Providence or want to find out more about the church, please plan on attending this 2-part series. This is the first step if you are interested in membership, and you must attend both classes. (Note: you are under no obligation by taking the classes to become a member.) Please see Mike Boesch if you have any questions. There is a sign up in the foyer; please place your name and contact information on the sheet.