



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

October 25, 2020

Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-2

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Majestic

Song

Ephesians 2:19-20

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #94

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Our gracious Father, we confess that often we fail to appreciate all you have graciously accomplished in our redemption in Christ. We are quick to enjoy the blessings of the covenant, but we are slow to share the good news of those blessings with others. Forgive us for our reluctance to share Jesus with others! For our willful disobedience we ask for your forgiveness through Christ, who has saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Romans 5:6-9

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Jesus, Thank You

Song

Mercies Anew

Song

Praying for the Needs of our Church and our Community

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 10. 1-16

The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles (part 1)

This, the Power of the Cross

Song

Benediction

Luke 2:29-32

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Scripture Reading

Acts 10. 1-16 (English Standard Version)

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴ But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 10. 1-16
The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles (part 1)

I. Cornelius – Devout & Desperate

And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation ... (v. 22)

- A. His occupation (v. 1)
- B. His character (v. 2)
- C. His vision (vs. 3-6)
- D. His response (vs. 7-8)

II. Peter – Prayerful & Protesting

- A. His vision (vs. 9-13)
- B. His protest (vs. 14-16)

III. Three applications

1. Those apart from Jesus can often be the _____ people we know.
2. Even the best people need _____.
3. The _____ of God's mercy is troubling for even the best of God's people.

Sermon Quotes and References

It is difficult for us to grasp the impassable gulf that yawned in those days between the Jews and the Gentiles (including even the “God-fearers”). Not that the Old Testament itself supported such a divide. Psalmists & prophets foretold the day when God’s Messiah would inherit the nations, the Lord’s servant would be their light, all nations would “flow” to the Lord’s house, and God would pour out his Spirit on all humankind.

The tragedy was that Israel had twisted the doctrine of election into one of favoritism, and became filled with racial pride and hatred, despising Gentiles as dogs, and had developed traditions which kept them far apart. No orthodox Jew would ever enter the home of a Gentile, even a God-fearer, or invite such into his home. On the contrary all friendly interactions with Gentiles were strictly forbidden and no pious Jew would have ever sat down at the table of a Gentile. If they even came to the Temple grounds, they were forced to sit in the outer reaches of the precinct, in the much-maligned Court of Gentiles.

John Stott, The Message of Acts

Providence Activities & Events

October 25, 2020

<u>Task Schedule</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Snack Provider	Achenbach	Haldeman
Greeting Upper Level	M. and K. Farrar	M. Smith/H. Jackson
Greeting Lower Level	M. Weber
Sound Booth	Heather/Sam.....	Abby/Darrin
Simulcast Downstairs.....	Eric	Eric
Congregational prayer led by	Steve Haldeman	Bill Miles

This Week:

Tuesday.....Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at church
.....Elder’s Wives Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Location TBA
.....Ladies *Romans* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Carol Lacock’s home
WednesdayMen’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., at church
Thursday*Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
.....Men’s *Genesis* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
Saturday.....Ladies *James* Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. at the Pavilion

Future:

November 8Annual Congregational Meeting, more details to come



Each Thanksgiving our Deacons prepare Thanksgiving Boxes to those in need. The boxes are distributed to the Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center and those in our surrounding community. Please consider blessing a family this year by donating food items for these Thanksgiving boxes.

Items needed for each box (13 boxes being created):

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| ● Turkeys 12-18 lbs | ● Stove Top Stuffing | ● Corn |
| ● Green Beans | ● Large can of Sweet Potatoes | ● Dinner rolls |
| ● Apples | ● Butter (1lb) | ● Evaporated Milk |
| ● Cranberry Sauce | ● Pre-made Pie Crust | ● Potatoes |
| ● Pumpkin Pie Mix | | |

Please see the link on Sign up Genius for quantity or to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48ADA622A02-thanksgiving1>

Feel free to bring in a special Thanksgiving treat to place in the boxes ie. candy, favorite seasonal treat or cards with words of encouragement. The Deacons will also accept gift cards or money donations if you prefer to donate in that manner. Food can be placed by Christ's Cupboard Pantry doors in the Fellowship Hall. **Collection ends on Nov. 22nd.**

Thank you very much for your gift of love for those in need!

PROVIDENCE CHURCH'S

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways and we are very excited for our church building renovation!

The Providence Capital Campaign purpose is to raise funds that will be designated to complete items not included in our current building budget. These items include: completing the kitchen, replacing the roof and sound proofing the fellowship hall. Any remaining funds received will be applied to the mortgage. This pledge would be above your regular giving.

**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A PLEDGE TO THE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DURING THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER!**

Pledge cards are available in the fellowship hall and sanctuary on the table next to our offering boxes.

