

*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

November 22, 2020

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All Hail the Power/His Name is Jesus

Song

Psalms 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

His Love Endures Forever

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Righteous God, we confess that all have sinned and broken your commands. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have no excuse and no plea but that Jesus' blood was shed for us while we were yet sinners.

For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and renew us in the righteousness of our Redeemer. Help us to be the kind of neighbors who reflect the grace and love you first showed us on the cross. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

John 10:27-30

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Song

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Song

Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Just As I Am

Hymn #501

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 12. 1-17

Opposition Arises

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn #347

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 11. 27 – 12.17 (English Standard Version)

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

12.1 About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

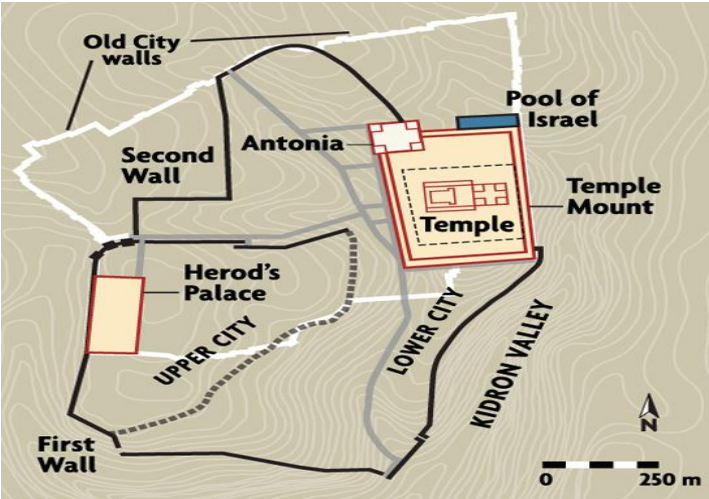
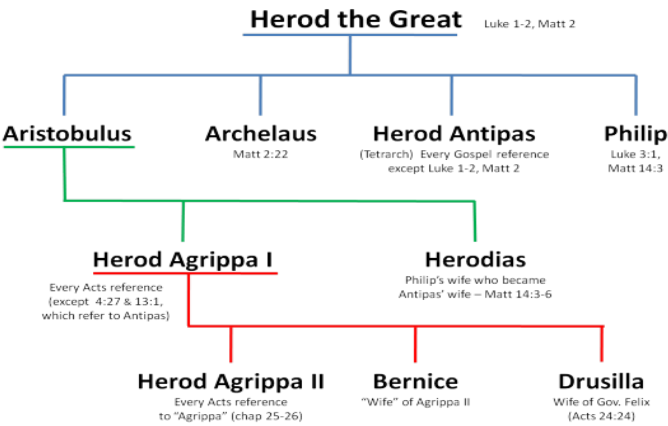
⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in

her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, “It is his angel!” ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, “Tell these things to James and to the brothers.” Then he departed and went to another place.



Sermon Quotes and References:



The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 12. 1-17
Opposition Arises

I. The Enemies of the Church (vs. 11.27-12.4)

- A. The setting
- B. The characters
- C. The motivation

II. The Response of the Church (v. 5)

“... but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.”

III. The Intervention of the Lord (vs. 6-17)

IV. Some Applications for Today

A. What do we learn about God?

- His plans are most often _____.
- His ways are most often _____.

B. What do we learn about us?

- The church's response should be earnest _____.
- We often pray with low _____.
- Our task is, _____, to tell others of God's work.

<u>Task Schedule</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Snack Provider	Opdycke	H. McIlwraith/T. Zbinden
Greeting Upper Level	S. & B. Lacock	D. Cuomo/K. Opdycke
Greeting Lower Level	Faith Van Camp	Faith Van Camp
Sound Booth	Ethan/Abby/Darrin	Ethan/Isaac/Nick
Simulcast Downstairs	Eric	Eric
Congregational prayer led by	Bill Miles.....	Bill Miles

This Week:

Tuesday.....Ladies 2 Kings Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
.....Elder’s Wives Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
.....Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at church
.....Ladies Romans Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
Thursday*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Announcements:

Hard Copies of the updated **Picture Directory** and **Short Directory** are available on the credenza in the foyer. Please feel free to take one.

Homemade Ornament Exchange: It's time to get creative, gather your supplies and create a special ornament to display on the Providence Christmas Tree. Then on Sunday, December 20th following the service we'll have an exchange. Bring your ornaments to church November 29 through December 20. Include the year and your name on the ornament. Families, singles of all ages, couples - please participate and create a keepsake for someone in our church family. If you are worshiping from home and would like to participate in the exchange please feel free to do so. You may contact Diane Henderson or Janet and we will assist you in exchanging your ornament. Questions, contact Janet Stever