



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

April 11, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

O Praise the Name of the Lord Our God

Song

How Great Thou Art

Hymn #44

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

1 Corinthians 5:11-21

Our Father, we confess how many things distract us from the essential core of the gospel: the cross and the empty tomb. We are so often led astray by sin, fear, folly, and even good things that we try to make ultimate things apart from you.

Forgive us for effectively attempting to be our own saviors, and draw us once again to the empty tomb and the risen Christ. Ground our faith in the One whom death could not hold, and in whom alone is eternal life. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Psalm 18:25-29

To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

Man of Sorrows

Song

Sing to Jesus

Song

Praying for the Needs of Our Church

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

1 Timothy 6: 17-19

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 17. 10-15

The Noble Bereans

Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone

Song

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 17. 1-15 (English Standard Version)

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸ And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 17. 10-15
The Noble Bereans

I. A Noble Mission (vs. 10-12)

The noble character of the Berean Jews was characterized by...

- Eager reception

- Daily examination

II. A Hasty Departure (vs. 13-15)

- A. Traveling opponents

- B. An immediate escape

- C. A solitary end

III. Some Applications

- A. Are you growing in _____ with God's Word?
 - Eager to be corrected?
 - Longing to change and grow?
 - Disciplined in your study of the Bible?

- B. The _____ of God's mission doesn't depend on us!

... neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth ... For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3. 7, 9

Sermon Quotes & References:

They were more open to conviction, were more willing to hear reason, and admit the force of it, and to subscribe to that which appeared to them to be truth, though it was contrary to their former sentiments. This was more noble. They had a better temper, were not so sour, and morose, and ill-conditioned towards all that were not of their mind; they continued in charity with those that they saw cause to differ from. This was more noble. They neither prejudged the cause, nor were moved with envy at the teachers of it, as the Jews at Thessalonica were, but very generously gave both it and them a fair hearing, with energy and eagerness, but without proud passion or partiality. This was more noble.

Their readiness of mind to receive the word was not such as taking things upon trust, and swallowing them with a blind faith: no; since Paul reasoned out of the scriptures, and referred them to the Old Testament for the proof of what he said, they had recourse to their Bibles, and turned to the places to which he referred them, read the context, considered the scope and drift of them, compared them with other places of scripture, examined whether Paul's inferences from them were natural and genuine and his arguments upon them sound & reasonable, and then determined accordingly. This they did as a daily practice.

The Jews gloried much in being Abraham's seed; they thought themselves well-born and well-bred. But they are here told who among them were the most noble and the best-bred - those that were most disposed to receive the gospel, to study the Word of God for the truth of Christ, such that any high and conceited thoughts in them were subdued and brought into obedience to Christ. They were the most noble of all!

Matthew Henry

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	M. Weber/ B. Bergey.....	H. Jackson/M. Smith
Nursery.....	C. Lacock/N. Lindner.....	G. Dimmick/K. Phillips
Sound Booth.....	Ethan/Sam/Isaac	Ethan/Maggie/Nick
Simulcast Downstairs	Eric.....	Eric
Congregational prayer led by....	Steve Haldeman	Steve Haldeman

This Week:

Today.....	Discovering Providence Class, (Part 1) 1:00 p.m., on Zoom
Tuesday	Ladies 2 Kings, Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
.....	Ladies Romans Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
Wednesday	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday.....	Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
.....	Men’s Genesis Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
Saturday	Christ’s Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Future:

April 18.....	Discovering Providence Class Part 2, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom
.....	3D Fundraising Dinner – Chinese Takeout, 5:30 p.m.
April 25.....	Nursery Meeting for all volunteers, 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Genna Dimmick is coordinating a schedule for **Nursery Volunteers**. If you would like to serve in the nursery sometime in the next few months, please see Genna. There will be a nursery **volunteer meeting** on April 25th following morning worship, downstairs in the fellowship hall by the group of long tables. The meeting is for those who are signed up to serve and those who are interested in volunteering in the nursery.

Church Officers Nomination forms have been placed in your mailbox, please read through them and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate and speak with them before handing in the nomination form. If you are a member and do not have a mailbox please pick up a copy of the form and letter on the round table in the foyer. A small black box is on the round table for you to place your signed nomination form in.

SAVE THE DATE! : “Spring Spruce Up: Come for the Work, Stay for the Picnic”
Saturday, May 15th at 1pm. The Women's Ministry and Deacons would love your help for this FAMILY DAY, so mark your calendars, we need everyone! We'll be making a new kid play space, creating a flower garden, and a few other fun projects that will make our church property even better! Whatever your skill level, age, or ability, we have a job for you!

- work starts at 1 pm and ends with a picnic at 6pm
- details and sign up coming soon!
- any questions now? Contact Becca Lacock

Map References

April 11, 2021

Sermon: *The Nobel Bereans*

Scripture: Acts 17:10-15



CHINESE TAKEOUT

3D invites you to our annual fundraiser dinner! In past years you may have been to our Italian night or German night, and while they're a lot of fun, it's still hard to have a meal together indoors like that just yet. In light of that, we'd still like to invite you to celebrate food and culture from a distance with a (albeit Americanized) classic, the Chinese Takeout meal. Proceeds will go toward funding the youth groups missions trips, conferences, and other events.

Order online through our google form.
(Check for an email from the church)

Pickup: Sunday April 18th, 5:30 at Providence

Any questions contact Ethan Supplee:

LO MEIN

STIR-FRY

WONTON SOUP

GENERAL TSO'S CHICKEN

FRIED RICE

Hymn Sing

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Rock of Ages

Amazing Grace

Nothing but the Blood

Before the Throne of God Above

You are warmly invited to join us as we
sing hymns in honor and glory to God

Sunday April 25

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

at the Hobold's home
Green Lane, PA 18054

Any questions please contact Mary Lou



FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

Tuesday Morning Bible Study on the Book of Chronicles

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING
AT PROVIDENCE
9:30-11:00 AM

this study will begin on April 20, 2021

WE WILL MEET OUTDOORS AT PROVIDENCE
(WEATHER PERMITTING)
please bring a mask for indoor meetings

ANY QUESTIONS: CONTACT BECCA LACOCK

LIMITED CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!