



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

July 25, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-5

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Praise to the Lord

Hymn #53

Psalm 146:6-10

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

How Great is Our God

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Hebrews 12:1-11

Our Father, we confess that like unruly children, we so often resist your discipline. We prefer to go our own way, enjoying the pleasures of sin for a time. We rarely think of sin's long-term consequences or its extreme offense against you. Even when you discipline us for your glory and our good, we often resist your correction and question your motives. Forgive us, Father. Help us to receive your discipline with thankfulness for the harvest of righteousness and peace it always produces. For we pray in the Name of the One who submitted to your

ultimate discipline that we might live through faith in him, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Wonderful Cross

Song

Revelation Song

Song

Praying for the Work of Our Missionaries

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Just as I Am

Hymn #501

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 20.36 – 21.14

The Journey to Jerusalem

All I Have is Christ

Song

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 20. 36 – 21.14 (English Standard Version)

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

^{21.1} And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ² And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. ³ When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴ And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ⁵ When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed ⁶ and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

⁷ When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. ⁸ On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. ¹⁰ While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 20.36 – 21.14
The Journey to Jerusalem

I. A Series of Stops (20. 36 – 21. 2)

II. A Brief Layover (vs. 3-6)

What do we learn? The church is, at its core, a _____.

III. A Final Stop (vs. 7-14)

What do we learn?

- _____ play a significant role in the life and ministry of the church.
- As Christians, we are already _____ of Jesus Christ.
- God always keeps His _____.

IV. A Glimpse of Jesus

*When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem.*

Sermon Quotes and References:



Several female prophets are mentioned in the Bible. Miriam & Deborah were recognized & respected as prophets & leaders (Ex. 15:20; Mic. 6:4; Judg. 4:4). Huldah the prophetess was sought out by the king's men & helped to bring about a spiritual revival in Judah (2 Kings 22:13-14; 2 Chron. 34:21-22). Anna the prophetess ministered in the temple in Jerusalem and spoke to everyone, men & women, who were "looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:36-38). Isaiah's wife is called a prophetess (Isa. 8:3). There was a place for women prophets in ancient Israel. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, = more women, as well as men, prophesied (Acts 2:17-18). So it was not unusual for women to prophesy in the New Testament churches (cf. 1 Cor. 11:5).

Wherever God's kingdom is established & the gospel has spread, the social, legal and spiritual status of women has, as a rule, been elevated. When the gospel has been eclipsed (whether by repression, false religion, secularism, humanistic philosophy, or spiritual decay within the church), the status of women has declined accordingly.

John MacArthur, Twelve Extraordinary Women

<u>Task Schedule</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeting Upper-Level.....	J. Thompson/S. Ribeiro.....	B & C. Lacock
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Van Camps.....	Achenbachs
Nursery.....	P. Fryauff/A. Manyok	N. Lindner/R. Condon
Nursery Helper	Jonah Fryauff.....	Becky Advana
Sound Booth.....	Ethan/Sam/Isaac	Ethan/Nick/Abby
Simulcast Downstairs	Eric.....	Eric
Congregational prayer led by....	Jonathan Kuciemba	Bill Miles

This Week:

Today..... Discovering Providence Class, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 7:30 pm at church
Thursday..... Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall.
Friday Miles HFG, 6:30 p.m. at Veteran's Park
Saturday Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 8:00 am at the church Pavilion.

Future:

August 8 Discovering Providence Class, 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall
..... Fellowship Meal, 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

Announcements:

Women in the Word: A Workshop coming October 22-23. Presented in person at Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Willow Grove. The workshop is designed to help women study Scripture in a way that is informed, reasoned, and reverent – strengthening both those who teach and those who study on their own. While there you will attend large group sessions and interactive study groups. Many Providence women have attended over the past 15 years and the retreat comes highly recommended. This retreat has limited space and fills up quickly; you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. There is a table in the foyer where you may register today or see the bulletin insert for registration details. Any questions please see Shannon Fodale.

***Fellowship Meal:** August 8th immediately following morning worship. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are a visitor at Providence, please come join us as our guest, no need to bring anything, there is always plenty of food.