



*“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 1, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:31-33

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #115

Lord, I Need you

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

1 Corinthians 13

Lord Jesus, forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have

power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Because He Lives

Song

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Song

Thanking God for His Mercy and Love

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn #674

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 21. 15-26

Paul Enters Jerusalem

Cornerstone

Song

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

Communion Song

Song

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Scripture Reading

Acts 21. 15-26 (English Standard Version)

¹⁵ After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly.

¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, ²¹ and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. ²² What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³ Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴ take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. ²⁵ But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 21. 15-26
Paul Enters Jerusalem

I. Paul's Report (vs. 15-19)

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II. The Elder's Response (vs. 20-21)

III. The Elder's Counsel (vs. 22-25)

... this is the law for the Nazirite, when the time of his separation has been completed: he shall ... bring his gift to the LORD, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a sin offering, & one ram without blemish as a peace offering, & a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, & their grain offering & their drink offerings.

Numbers 6. 13-15

IV. Paul's Response (v. 26)

"... he purified himself along with them ..."

V. Our Response

... walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5.2

A. _____ in love

B. _____ Christ

Sermon Quotes and References:

Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

1 Corinthians 8. 8-13

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13. 8-10

Providence Activities & Events

August 1, 2021

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level	B & C. Lacock	H. Jackson/M. Smith
Greeting Lower-Level	Achenbachs	Opdyckes
Nursery.....	K. McDonnell/R. Condon	Dimmicks
Nursery Helper	Becky Advena	Aidan Lacock
Sound Booth.....	Sam/Nick/Abby	Sam/Isaac/Darrin
Congregational prayer led by....	Bill Miles	Andy Economopoulos

This Week:

Wednesday Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at church
..... 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.
Saturday Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 8:00 am at the church Pavilion.

Future:

August 8 Fellowship Meal, 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*
..... Discovering Providence Class, 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Classroom†

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: www.womeninthewordworkshop.org. Any questions or need help registering please see Shannon Fodale. Also RSVP to Shannon for your hotel accommodations.

***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.

†If you are planning to attend the **Discovering Providence Class** please join us for the Fellowship Meal and after eating, Pastor Mark will make an announcement to begin the class in one of the classrooms off of the fellowship hall.