



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

September 5, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-6

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Doxology

Song

Psalm 8

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us.

We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you have healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own Son.

We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

John 15:12-16

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

What a Friend We Have

Hymn #629

Boldly I Approach Your Throne

Song

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Have Thine Own Way

Hymn #688

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 24. 22-27

Conversing with Felix

This I Believe

Song

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

There Is a Fountain

Hymn #253

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "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 24. 22-27 (English Standard Version)

²² But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” ²³ Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

²⁴ After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” ²⁶ At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. ²⁷ When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 24. 22-27
Conversing with Felix

I. The Setting (vs. 22-23)

II. The First Meeting (vs. 24-25)

- Felix was alarmed by the _____ of the gospel.

III. The Follow-Through (vs. 26-27)

- Felix was greedy for _____ from the gospel.

IV. The Point(s)

1. An encouragement - our _____ are never in vain.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15. 58

2. A warning – it is dangerously easy to know _____
Jesus and never actually know Jesus.

*For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world
and loses or forfeits himself?*

Luke 9. 25

3. An announcement

Sermon Quotes and References

Felix was married to Drusilla, the daughter of Herod Agrippa I. Only six years old when her father died in 44, Julia Drusilla was originally betrothed to Epiphanes, the son of the king of Commagene (between Cappadocia and Syria), on the condition he convert to Judaism (including circumcision). When he was unwilling to do so, she was married to Azizus, the Syrian king of Emesa (about A.D. 53) at the age of 14. She was reputed to be very beautiful as was her sister Bernice (Agrippa II's wife), who was jealous of her younger sister. Felix persuaded Drusilla to leave her husband and marry him, although he refused to convert.

Drusilla came from a royal but dysfunctional family. Her father, Herod Agrippa I, was the grandson of Herod the Great, the king we read about in the Christmas story who ordered the slaughter of all baby boys in Bethlehem in an effort to destroy the Messiah. Drusilla's older sister Bernice had a long and checkered sexual history, culminating in an incestuous relationship with their brother, Agrippa II, whom we read about in Acts 25 & 26.

Reading Acts, "*Who Were Felix and Drusilla?*"

This survey shows that too many Christians aren't Christians at all. They are not relying on the finished work in Christ but trusting that their own works will be judged worthy by God ... Even in gospel-centered churches, though, we can't take for granted that the good news has been fully heard, or fully believed. As a friend of mine often says, when you get tired of talking about a subject is usually when your audience is just starting to pay attention to your message.

This survey should be a reminder of how easy it is for people to slip back in to relying on themselves, and how we need to constantly proclaim the gospel—to ourselves & our neighbors—until we fully realize that we can only be rescued from our sin through what Jesus accomplished by his life, death, and resurrection.

Joe Carter,

Survey: Majority of American Christians Don't Believe the Gospel

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level.....	M. Smith/M. Weber	B. & C. Lacock
Greeting Lower-Level	K & J Rhodes	Opdyckes
Nursery.....	B. Bergey/ S. McClure.....	P. Fryauff/K Wesner
Nursery Helper	Becky Advena	Porter Fryauff
Sound Booth.....	Darrin/Isaac/Ethan	Nick/Sam/Ethan
Congregational prayer led by....	Steve Haldeman	Paul Wesner
Deacon of the Month.....	Gary Stever.....	Gary Stever

This Week:

- Sunday..... Special Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at church
..... 3D, youth group, 6:00 p.m. at church
- Tuesday Ladies *Chronicles* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
..... Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at church
..... Elders Wives prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Hobolds HFG, 6:30 p.m., Green Lane
..... Stever’s HFG, 6:30 p.m., Quakertown
- Thursday..... *Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall.
- Friday B & C Lacock’s HFG, 6:30 p.m., Quakertown
- Saturday *Stitches of Love*, 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Future:

- Sept. 12 Fellowship Meal following our worship service, 12:15 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Ladies *Romans* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church*

Announcements:

Next Sunday is our **Fellowship Meal** after the worship service. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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. Any questions please see Shannon Fodale.

*The **Ladies Romans Bible Study** will start up on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. They will meet at Providence on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions or would like to join them, please contact Rosanne Kelsall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Prayer Gathering

Join us as we gather together with our sisters in Christ to seek the Lord and enjoy Him in prayer.

Meetings rotate between homes and are normally scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 - 9 am

Meeting this month on
Saturday, September 11th
at the church pavilion

We would love for you to be with us as we join together in prayer!

Please Contact Liz Brewer with questions