



*“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 12, 2021*

## *Call to Worship*

Psalm 47:1-7

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.*

***10,000 Reasons***

Song

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

Hymn #302

Opening Prayer

## *Confessing Our Sins Together*

Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."*

**Lord Jesus, forgive 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 me the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.**

## *Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness*

Romans 5:20-21

*The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Jesus, Thank You***

Song

***Worthy is the Lamb***

Song

Praying for the Needs of the Church Around the World

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

***Cornerstone***

Song

## *Hearing God's Word Together*

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 25

*The Confidence of the Gospel*

***I Will Boast in Christ Alone***

Song

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

## *Scripture Reading*

### **Acts 25** (English Standard Version)

Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, <sup>3</sup> asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. <sup>4</sup> Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. <sup>5</sup> “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

<sup>6</sup> After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup> When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. <sup>8</sup> Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” <sup>9</sup> But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” <sup>10</sup> But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. <sup>11</sup> If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” <sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

<sup>13</sup> Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. <sup>14</sup> And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, “There is a man left prisoner by Felix, <sup>15</sup> and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. <sup>16</sup> I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense

concerning the charge laid against him. <sup>17</sup> So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. <sup>18</sup> When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. <sup>19</sup> Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. <sup>20</sup> Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. <sup>21</sup> But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar.” <sup>22</sup> Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” said he, “you will hear him.”

<sup>23</sup> So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. <sup>24</sup> And Festus said, “King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. <sup>25</sup> But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. <sup>26</sup> But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. <sup>27</sup> For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him.”



## *Sermon Quotes and References*

*“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.*

2 Corinthians 10. 17-18

**The Gospel According to Acts**  
**Acts 25**  
*The Confidence of the Gospel*

**I. The Obvious Innocence of Paul**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews (vs. 3, 7, 18)
  
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Romans (vs. 18-19, 26-27)
  
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul (vs. 8, 10-11)

**II. The False Confidence of the Rulers**

- A. Festus' words (vs. 6, 17, 23, 25)
  
- B. Festus' "seat" (vs. 6, 17)
  
- C. Agrippa's pomp (v. 23)

**III. The True Confidence of Paul**

*"... Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive."*

**IV. Implications for Us**

- A. Exposing our false \_\_\_\_\_
  
- B. Considering our true \_\_\_\_\_

**Task Schedule**

**This Week**

**Next Week**

Greeting Upper-Level.....	B. & C. Lacock .....	S. Ribeiro/J. Thompson
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Opdyckes .....	D. Cuomo/M. Christiansen
Nursery.....	P. Fryauff/K Wesner .....	B. Lacock/A. Nix
Nursery Helper .....	Porter Fryauff .....	Evelyn Lacock
Sound Booth.....	Nick/Sam/Ethan .....	Eric/Abby/Ethan
Congregational prayer led by....	Paul Wesner .....	Paul Wesner
Deacon of the Month.....	Gary Stever.....	Gary Stever

**This Week:**

- Sunday..... Fellowship Meal, 12:15 p.m. Following worship; Everyone is invited!
- Tuesday ..... Ladies *Chronicles* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
..... 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. Fellowship Hall.  
..... Ladies Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 p.m. at Dominick’s Restaurant, QT
- Friday ..... Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m., meeting at Snyder’s home, Quakertown
- Saturday ..... Christ’s Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

**Announcements:**

Today is our **Fellowship Meal** after the worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend; especially visitors.

**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 this Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They will meet at Providence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next Sunday we will begin **Coffee & Fellowship** time again after our worship service. Coffee, tea, water and lite snacks will be provided by host families in the fellowship hall. We are in need of people to volunteer to host. A sign-up is on the credenza in the upper foyer. Please see Jackie Thompson for more details or if you have any questions

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021**  
**WALK FOR LIFE & 5K RUN**

THE PARK AT 4TH, QUAKERTOWN, PA



## **WALK FOR LIFE & 5K RUN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021**

**Univest Performance Center**

**The Park @ 4th**

**9:00 AM to ~ 12:30 PM**

### **FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Kids Zone

Live Praise Band

FUN RUN for Kids w/ Participation Awards

Water & Refreshments

Prizes for Most Funds Raised

#Crossroads5K\_Walk21

**The funds generated from the Walk for Life & 5K Run help provide the FREE resources that we offer at Crossroads, bringing hope, help, and healing to hundreds of women, men, and children in our communities.**

# Event Details

**Location:** Park at 4th (By new Amphitheater)  
Univest Performance Center  
Quakertown, PA 18951

**More info:** [www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk](http://www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk)

## 5K RUN/5K WALK

**Start Time:** 5K Run/Walk: 9:15 am;  
Registration: 8:30 am

**Registration:** [www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk](http://www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk)  
Or mail in the entry form attached.

**Rain or Shine:** Check our Facebook Page or Website  
for updates

**Early Bird Registration:** thru  
Aug. 28 \$30 per adult runner/walker  
\$20 per child run/walk (aged 12 & under)  
Includes Dri-Fit T-shirt

**Late Registration:**  
Aug. 29–Sept. 30 \$35 per adult runner/walker  
\$25 per child run/walk (aged 12 & under)  
Dri-Fit T-shirt guaranteed through 9/19

**Day of Registration:** \$40 per adult runner/walker  
\$30 per child run/walk (aged 12 & under)

**Packet Pick up (Recommended)** Packet pick up and Day-of priced  
registration available Friday, Oct. 1  
1–7 pm at Crossroads Pregnancy Care

**Trophies awarded to:** 1st place Male & Female Finishers overall  
(Includes Cash Prize!) 3 Top Male & 3 Top Female in various  
**Awards given to:** age categories: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-18,  
19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

**FUN RUN (.5 mi)** Children 10 & Under  
**Start Time:** 10:30 am **Cost:** \$10 (*Register online or day of*)  
Participation Awards given

**WALK (1 mi)** *Register online or call (215) 538-7003 x206*

**Start Time:** Walk: 9:30 am; Registration: 8:30 am

**Early Registration:** \$15 (all ages—includes Dri-Fit T-shirt)  
Thru Aug. 28

**Late Registration:** \$17 (all ages—includes Dri-Fit T-shirt if  
Aug. 29–Sept. 30 registered by 9/19)

**Packet Pick-up and** \$20 (all ages)  
**Day-of Registration:**

**Register Online** [www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk](http://www.crossroadspregnancy.care/walk)