



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship
November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

Call to Worship

Isaiah 7:13-15

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #100

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Luke 6:27-36

O God of Love, we have not loved our enemies. We have not prayed for those who persecute us. We have not fed them when they were hungry. We have not given our enemies something to drink when they were thirsty.

We have cursed those who cursed us. We have repaid evil to those who were evil to us. We have taken vengeance, instead of leaving room for you to do it. We have too often been overcome by evil, rather than overcome evil with good.

We have forgotten that we were once your enemies. We have forgotten that you sent rain and sunshine on us, even when we despised you.

O Lord, remember Jesus when you look at us. Remember how He saved us by His life, and reconciled us by His death. While we were weak, while we were sinners, while we were enemies, You loved us. Please make us more like You. Help us to love our enemies.

Our sins are many, but Your mercy is more. So we trust in the finished work of Christ alone for our forgiveness. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Acts 3:18-20

But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Sing to Jesus

Song

Behold Our God

Song

Praying for Our Leaders and Our World

Elder Roy Van Camp

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Show Us Christ

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Exodus

Exodus 5.1-6.1

From Hope to Despair

Rev. Mark Fodale

I Have a Shelter in the Storm

Song

Benediction

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 5.1 – 6.1 (English Standard Version)

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”³ Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”⁴ But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.”⁵ And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!”⁶ The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen,⁷ “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves.”⁸ But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’⁹ Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”

¹⁰ So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw.’¹¹ Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.”¹² So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.¹³ The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw.”¹⁴ And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?”

¹⁵ Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?¹⁶ No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.”¹⁷ But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’

¹⁸ Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.” ¹⁹ The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.” ²⁰ They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; ²¹ and they said to them, “The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

²² Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

6.1 But the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

The Gospel According to Exodus
Exodus 5.1-6.1
From Hope to Despair

I. God's Word is Despised (vs. 1-5)

Moses & Aaron's word to Pharaoh was both ...

- A _____ (v. 1)
- A _____ (v. 3)

II. God's People are Afflicted (vs. 6-14)

"... and pay no regard to lying words."

III. God's Servants are Confounded (vs. 15-23)

"... you have not delivered your people at all."

IV. God's Purposes are Confirmed (v. 1)

"Now you shall see what I will do ..."

V. God's Word is Applied

1. Though we must _____ with others, we will often be despised by others.
2. When affliction comes it is tempting to forget God's _____.
3. Our _____ is most often the setting for God's work.

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level.....	MaryAnn Weber.....	Rhodes
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Opdyckes.....	Fryauff's
Coffee Fellowship Host.....	Van Camps.....	M. Beatrice/B. Carr/K. Phillips/K. Ruiz
Nursery.....	K. McDonnell/N. Lindner.....	A. Manyok/K. Farrar
Nursery Helper.....	Alexis Nix.....	Kathy Opdycke
Sound Booth.....	Heather/Ethan.....	Darrin/Sam
Congregational prayer led by....	Roy Van Camp.....	Andy Economopoulos
Deacon of the Month.....	Richard Brewer.....	Steve Lacock

This Week:

- Sunday..... Discovering Providence Class, 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
..... B & C Lacock's HFG, 1 p.m. Quakertown.
- Tuesday..... Ladies *Chronicles* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
..... Fryauff's HFG, 6:30 p.m., East Greenville
..... Ladies *Romans* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Wednesday..... Stever's HFG, 6:30 p.m. Quakertown
..... Hobolds HFG, 6:30 p.m. Green Lane
- Thursday..... Men & Women's Bible Study on the *Book of Daniel*, 9:30 a.m. at church
..... Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
- Friday..... Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m., Snyder's home, Quakertown
- Saturday..... Leadership Summit, 8:00 a.m. Elders and Deacons; 9:00 a.m. all leaders join.

Future:

- Dec. 5..... Varsity Singers, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Dec. 12..... Christmas Banquet, 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Coffee Fellowship Hosts are needed for next quarter, January – April 2022. Please sign up in the upper foyer if you are able to serve.

***Varsity Singers** – There are inserts available on the round table for you to take and use as invitations to your neighbors, co-workers, family and friends.

Christmas Banquet: In place of our regular fellowship meal, we are having a Christmas Banquet. The banquet is an organized meal where everyone signs up to bring in a particular food item to share. The sign up is in the upper-level foyer. Please write your name in the space provided for the food item(s) you plan to bring.



Join Us...

*For a Fabulous Christmas Concert by
the Varsity Singers!*

Directed by Ms. Erin Camburn
Quakertown Community High School

6:00 p.m.

**At Providence Presbyterian Church
2200 Krammes Road, Quakertown**



*If you are able, please bring a finger food to share
during our fellowship time.*

Free Concert | Refreshments served
Love Offering collected for QHS Music Program

Christmas at Providence

Sunday, December 5

Varsity Singers Concert at 6:00pm.
Please bring finger food to share if you can.

Saturday, December 11

Filling/Wrapping of Blessing Baskets
9:00am, after Women's Prayer Meeting

Sunday, December 12

Eric Hobold's Ordination | Christmas Banquet
After worship. Food sign up for sheet in foyer.

Monday, December 13

Ladies Cookie Exchange 6:30pm at Carol Lacock's home.
Bring little bags of cookies to swap & a plate of cookies to share.

Saturday, December 18

Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry Distribution
Great outreach opportunity! Please join us at 8:30am.

Sunday, December 19

Family Ornament Exchange after worship. Place your ornament on the tree in the church lobby or Fellowship Hall.

3D Youth Group Christmas Party at 6pm.

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30pm

For questions and more information, please check the Providence website or contact Diane Henderson



ladies
COOKIE
exchange

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

6:30pm at Carol Lacock's home
12 Live Oak Drive, Quakertown, PA

Please bring 5-7 little bags of your favorite cookies to swap and 1 plate of cookies to share. You can also bring copies of your recipe to share!

If you have any questions, please contact Natalia