



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship
December 12, 2021
The Third Sunday Of Advent

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling in the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Man of Sorrows

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Matthew 22:34-40

... when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

John 10:27-30

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

He Will Hold Me Fast

Song

Is He Worthy

Song

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

The Ordination of Eric Hobold to the Office of Ruling Elder

This I Believe

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Exodus

Exodus 6. 9-27

A Confirming History

Rev. Mark Fodale

His Forever

Song

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 6. 9-27 (English Standard Version)

⁹ Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

¹⁰ So the LORD said to Moses, ¹¹ “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” ¹² But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?” ¹³ But the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ These are the heads of their fathers' houses: the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the clans of Reuben. ¹⁵ The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the clans of Simeon. ¹⁶ These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, the years of the life of Levi being 137 years. ¹⁷ The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their clans. ¹⁸ The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, the years of the life of Kohath being 133 years. ¹⁹ The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites according to their generations. ²⁰ Amram took as his wife Jochebed his father's sister, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being 137 years. ²¹ The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. ²² The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. ²³ Aaron took as his wife Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab and the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²⁴ The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the clans of the Korahites. ²⁵ Eleazar, Aaron's son, took as his wife one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites by their clans.

²⁶ These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said: “Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts.” ²⁷ It was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron.

The Gospel According to Exodus
Exodus 6. 9-27
A Confirming History

I. A Surprising Re-commission

The Lord said to Moses, "Go ..."

- Take hope – you can never _____ the patience of God!

II. An Unexpected Genealogy

This genealogy shows ...

- God's _____ seal
- God's _____ choice
- God's _____ plan

III. A Glorious Hint

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...and Ram the father Amminadab, the father of Nashon...

Matthew 1:1, 4

Sermon Quotes and References:

If only the Lord had shortened the genealogies... If we only had one more verse on each of the top ten questions we wrangle over! And think what he could have told us with an extra paragraph or chapter on a few of the tough topics! Our Bible would be exactly the same length - even shorter - but the questions that rattle the church could have been anticipated and definitively answered. But somehow, God in his providence didn't choose to do that.

David Powlison, *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God*

Genealogies are intrinsic to the Israelite feel for the flow of history that arose from their conviction that God was shaping events in this world so that his purposes would be achieved. This is linked to the nature of the covenant promises, which did not come to individuals in isolation, but to individuals and their offspring after them. In this way family history was a testimony to the outworking of God's saving purpose in history. What happened in each generation was not isolated from what preceded or what followed. Through the history of the line of promise there is the reality of God's continuing graciousness.

John Mackay, Studies in Exodus

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level.....	Nix	J. Thompson/D. Henderson
Greeting Lower-Level	D. Cuomo/M. Christiansen	Achenbachs
Coffee Fellowship Host	Y. Cean.....	Wesners/N. Herring
Nursery.....	Achenbachs	Crolls
Nursery Helper	Aiden Lacock.....	Becky Advena
Sound Booth.....	Nick/Ethan.....	Abby/Sam
Congregational prayer led by....	Andy Economopoulos	Andy Economopoulos
Deacon of the Month.....	Steve Lacock	Steve Lacock

This Week:

- Sunday..... Christmas Banquet, 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship Hall
- Monday Ladies Cookie Swap, 6:30 p.m. at Carol Lacock’s home, Quakertown
- Tuesday Ladies *Chronicles* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
 Fryauff’s HFG, 6:30 p.m., East Greenville
 Ladies Roman’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Wednesday Stever’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. Quakertown
 Hobold’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. Green Lane
- Thursday..... Men & Women’s Bible Study on the *Book of Daniel*, 9:30 a.m. at church
 Ladies Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 p.m. at Dominick’s in Quakertown
 Men’s Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
- Saturday Christ’s Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Future:

- Dec. 19 Ornament Exchange, by the Christmas tree following worship.
 3D Youth Group Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m. at church
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 p.m. (invites available on the round table in the upper foyer)

Announcements:

Today is our **Christmas Banquet** in the fellowship hall, immediately following worship; everyone is invited to come, especially visitors.

Coffee Fellowship Hosts are needed for next quarter, January – April 2022. Please sign up with Jackie Thompson if you are able to serve.

Need to contact someone?

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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

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