



*“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 11, 2022*

## *Call to Worship*

Luke 24:1-6

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"*

***See, What a Morning***

Song

***Come Thou Fount***

Hymn #457

Opening Prayer

## *Confessing Our Sins Together*

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

**Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us.**

**Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. 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.*

***How Wonderful the Father's Love***

Song

***Halleluiah, What a Savior***

Song

Praying for, and Commissioning, the Brewer Family

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***

Hymn #468

## *Hearing God's Word Together*

The Gospel According to Exodus

Exodus 31

*Labor and Rest*

*Rev. Mark Fodale*

***We Rest on Thee***

Hymn #449

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## *Scripture Reading*

### **Exodus 31. 1-18** (English Standard Version)

The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup> to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>5</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. <sup>6</sup> And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, <sup>8</sup> the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, <sup>10</sup> and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, <sup>11</sup> and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.”

<sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>13</sup> “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. <sup>14</sup> You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. <sup>15</sup> Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. <sup>17</sup> It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’”

<sup>18</sup> And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

**The Gospel According to Exodus**  
**Exodus 31**  
***Labor and Rest***

**I. The Call to Labor (vs. 1-11)**

- A. The work of the Spirit
  
  
- B. The work of the craftsmen

**II. The Command to Rest (vs. 12-17)**

For Israel, the Sabbath was ...

- A. An enduring \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13, 17)
  
- B. A covenant \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14, 16)
  
- C. A \_\_\_\_\_ with consequences (v. 15)

**III. The Gospel and Our Response**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (and our work)
  
  
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (and our rest)

## *Sermon Quotes and References*

Because of Jesus' work on the cross on our behalf, because he lives and reigns right now, we have identity, belonging, love, acceptance, forgiveness, adoption, justification, and reward. It is all ours for all eternity. Because that's true, we are gloriously freed from having to pursue those things (or, rather, cheap imitations of them) through our work. Do you see? We don't need our work to provide an identity for us. We already have an identity in Christ. We don't need it to give us a place to belong. We already have been adopted by God because of Jesus, and we belong to his redeemed family. We don't need work to make us loved or liked or accepted, nor do we need it to prove to ourselves that we're worthwhile. Why? Because all of that has already been secured for us by Jesus! So where does that leave our work? What role does that leave for it to play in our lives? Simple. It leaves our work liberated from the impossible demand to provide something for us that it was never meant to provide and from the excuse that it doesn't matter, and we are set free to live lives of joyful, heartfelt service to our King!

Greg Gilbert, *The Gospel at Work*

While we must take note of the fact that the New Testament never quotes the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, and Colossians 2.16 rules out any legalistic approach to the question of Sabbath observance, nevertheless we must be careful to take account of the rather wonderful – and deeply theological – understanding of the Lord's Day given here in Exodus. The Sabbath is to be a sign to the world of our separation as the Lord's people (v.13), and that separation itself is a sign of our determination to fashion our lifestyle in imitation of the Lord (v. 17). It is not meant to be an exercise in restriction but in devotion...

Alec Motyer, *The Message of Exodus*

# Providence Activities

September 11, 2022

<b>Task Schedule</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Greeting Upper-Level.....	B. & C. Lacock .....	Farrar
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Croll .....	VanCamp
Coffee Fellowship Host .....	Fodale.....	Rhodes/Snyder
Nursery.....	G. Dimmick / M. Herring .....	K. Kuciemba/A. Manyok
Nursery Helper .....	K. Farrar/Sarah Snyder .....	R. Manyok/ K. Opdycke
Sound Booth.....	Darrin (B) / Abby (L) .....	Nick (B) / Heather (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Bill Miles .....	Bill Miles
Deacon of the Month .....	Richard Brewer .....	Richard Brewer

## **This Week:**

Today.....	Fellowship Meal, 12:30 Fellowship Hall
Tuesday .....	Ladies 2 <i>Chronicles</i> Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the lower-level foyer ..... Ladies Genesis Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
Wednesday .....	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday.....	Ladies Fellowship Lunch, 12:30 p.m. at Dominick's Restaurant in QT ..... Men's <i>Ephesians</i> Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Fri – Sun .....	3D Youth Retreat at Harvey Cedars
Saturday .....	Christ's Cupboard food distribution/outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

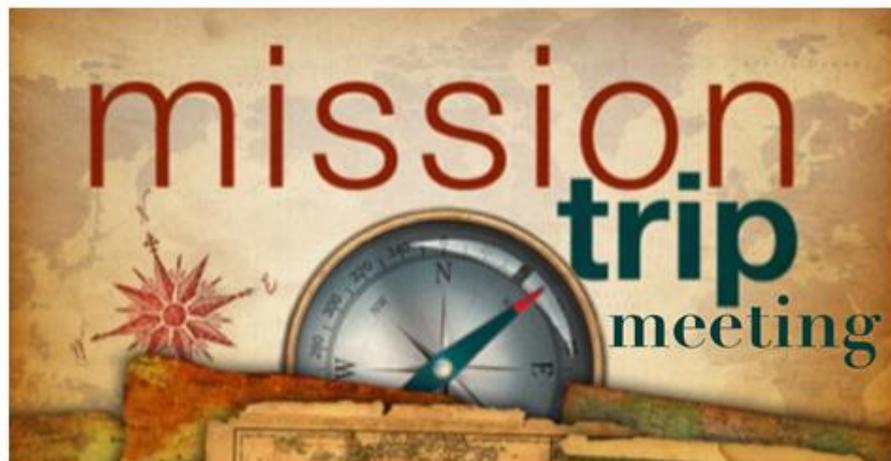
## **Future:**

Sept. 22 .....	Nursery Tech Training, 6:30 p.m. at church
Sept. 24 .....	Nursery Tech Training, 8:30 a.m. at church

## **Announcements:**

The weekly **Thursday morning Bible Study** restarts on September 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. It is open to everyone. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Retired Pastor Mel Farrar leads the study by asking questions that help all to recognize what the Bible actually says, what it means, and how to apply it. A volunteer provides snacks for attendees, starting at 9:30 a.m. We fellowship until 9:45 a.m. Then the Bible Study begins and goes until about 11:00 a.m. Questions are encouraged at any time. Next, we have a time of sharing and prayer. We are usually done by 11:30 a.m. We take contributions for an evangelist in the Chez Republic who provides letter updates on his impactful ministry. Please contact Mel if you have any questions or special needs.

*Join us next Sunday, July 18,  
after morning worship for a ...*



Next summer we hope to send a team from Providence to minister in London for the week of July 2-9. At this “Mission Trip Meeting” we will learn ...

- *What the team will be doing*
- *How much it will cost*
- *Who can join us*
- *What are some key deadlines*
- *And more*

More information on the mission is available online at –

<https://cru.servicereef.com/events/cru-2/jesus-film-london-bridges-4-week-one>

*Join us next week to see if God may be leading YOU  
to join us in July!!!*

*Keeping our Kids Safe!*

# Nursery Volunteer Tech Training

Thursday, September 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

or

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m.



**All** nursery volunteers 14 years and older please pick **one** of the dates above to attend a **mandatory training session**. Others who are interested in volunteering, but not yet on the schedule, are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Training will be focused on how to use our new check in/out technology to help ensure our children's safety!

On the credenza in the upper foyer is a sign-up. Please place your name and mark the date when you can attend. Questions? Contact Genna Dimmick

Thank you for volunteering in the nursery and planning on coming to this important training session!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

# PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14-15**



**LADORE RETREAT CENTER**

Waymart, PA, about 1h30m from Providence



**\$50 PER PERSON**

includes overnight lodge

See schedule and registration at  
[www.providence-pca.org/ladore](http://www.providence-pca.org/ladore)

For ages 15-100! We'll share cabins, chat, play games and just spend time getting to know each other in a fun, relaxing environment! You don't want to miss it!

For questions, please contact Shannon Fodale



PROVIDENCE LADIES'

# Luncheons

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**WHEN:** The third Thursday of  
each month, 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Dominick's Restaurant,  
Downtown Quakertown

*Join us each month as we enjoy  
the company of other sisters in Christ  
and share conversation, devotions,  
laughs, prayers, and delicious food.  
Invite friends and loved ones; This is  
a loving and caring fellowship for  
ladies of all ages!*

**THE NEXT LUNCHEON IS SEPTEMBER 15  
PLEASE JOIN US!**



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