



*“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 13, 2022*

## *Call to Worship*

Matthew 9:10-13

*While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"*

***Come Ye Sinners***

Song

***Our Great God***

Song

Opening Prayer

## *Confessing Our Sins Together*

Titus 2:2-15

**Most holy God, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and our shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ.**

**Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.**

## *Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness*

Romans 8:1-4

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you*

*free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

***Lord Have Mercy***

Song

***This I Believe***

Song

Praying for Our Nation

*Elder Steve Haldeman*

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

***Breathe on Me Breath of God***

Song

## ***Hearing God's Word Together***

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 1. 1-8

*The Beginning of the Gospel*

*Rev. Mark Fodale*

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Song

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

## *Scripture Reading*

### **Mark 1. 1-8** (English Standard Version)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

*“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,*

*<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”*

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

<sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**The Gospel According to Mark**  
**Mark 1. 1-8**  
*The Beginning of the Gospel*

**I. Getting our Bearings (v.1)**

- A. The author
- B. His purpose
- C. His audience
- D. His style

**II. The History of the Gospel (vs. 2-3)**

**III. The Forerunner of the Gospel (vs. 4-8)**

- Location (v. 4)
- Proclamation (v. 4)
- Response (v. 5)
- Clothing & diet (v. 6)
- Message (vs. 7-8)

**IV. Applying the Text**

- A correction for our \_\_\_\_\_
- A focus for our \_\_\_\_\_

## *Sermon Quotes & References:*

I think it would be good for some, who are very familiar with the Epistles, if they knew a little more about the gospels.

Why do I say this? I say it because I want professing Christians to know more about Jesus. It is well & good to be acquainted with all the doctrines of Christianity, but it is better to be acquainted with Jesus himself. It is well & good to be familiar with faith & grace & justification & sanctification, but it is far better to be familiar with Jesus Himself, to see the His face & to behold His beauty.

The Gospels were written to make us well-acquainted with Christ. The Holy Spirit has told us the story of His life & death, his sayings & His doings, four times over. His ways, His manners, His feelings, His wisdom, His grace, His patience, His love, His power are all graciously unfolded to us by four different witnesses. Ought not the sheep be familiar with the Shepherd? Ought not the patient be familiar with the Physician? Ought not the bride be familiar with the Bridegroom? Ought not the sinner be familiar with the Savior? Beyond doubt it must & ought be so.

Surely we cannot know Jesus too well! Surely there is not a work, nor a deed, nor a day, nor a step, nor a thought in the record of His life, which ought not to be precious to us. We should therefore eagerly labor to be familiar with every line that is written about Jesus.

*J.C. Ryle, Meditations on the Gospels*

*“The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

John 3.29-30

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/you-asked-did-mark-fumble-his-opening-quotations/>

# Providence Activities

November 13, 2022

<b>Task Schedule</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Van Camp .....	J. Thompson / M. Smith
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Achenbach.....	R. Condon / S. Ribeiro
Coffee Fellowship Host ... ..	Wilsey .....	Fodale / J. Witwer
Nursery.....	K. Phillips / M. Herring .....	Croll
Nursery Helper .....	J. Dietz / K. Opdycke.....	C. Lacock / T. Henderson
Sound Booth.....	Sam (B) / Isaac (L).....	Nick (B) / Abby (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Steve Haldeman .....	Steve Haldeman
Deacon of the Month .....	Mark Opdycke .....	Mark Opdycke

## **This Week:**

Today.....	Christmas Choir Rehearsal. 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
.....	Fellowship Meal, 12:30 p.m. fellowship hall
Tuesday .....	Ladies 2 <i>Chronicles</i> Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the lower-level foyer
.....	Multi-Church Women's Event, 6:30 p.m. at Covenant Church Doylestown
.....	Fryauff's HFG, 6:30 p.m. East Greenville
Wednesday .....	Stever's HFG, 6:30 p.m. Quakertown
.....	Hobold's HFG, 6:30 p.m., Green Lane
Thursday.....	Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
.....	Ladies Fellowship Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at Dominick's Restaurant, QT
.....	Women's <i>Hebrews</i> Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Nadine's home, Red Hill
Friday .....	Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m. at Snyder's home, Quakertown
Saturday .....	Christ's Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church
.....	Friendsgiving Football, 2:00 p.m. at Molasses Creek Park
.....	Friendsgiving Dinner 3:30 p.m. Providence Fellowship Hall

## **Future:**

November 27 .....	Advent Workshop, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
December 4.....	Varsity Singers 6:00 p.m., in the sanctuary

## **Announcements:**

Today is the **Fellowship Meal**, everyone is invited to attend; especially visitors.

**THE ADVENT WORKSHOP IS FOR EVERYONE!** Singles, young adults, seniors, families... and VISITORS! Please come to the Workshop on Sunday, November 27, 3:00 - 6:00, and invite someone to join you. Make a simple nativity set. The craft is easy, and it's a wonderful way to share Jesus in a fun and friendly setting. Sign up at church or contact Janet Stever any time. Dinner will be served.

**NEEDED FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP:** Cupcakes for dessert. Please let Janet know if you are willing to help in this way.

The deacon's wives will **not** be collecting toys this year to distribute at our **Christ's Cupboard outreach/food distribution** in December. Instead, please watch for opportunity to bless these folks with gift baskets.

MULTI-CHURCH WOMEN'S EVENT!



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## An Evening to Refresh

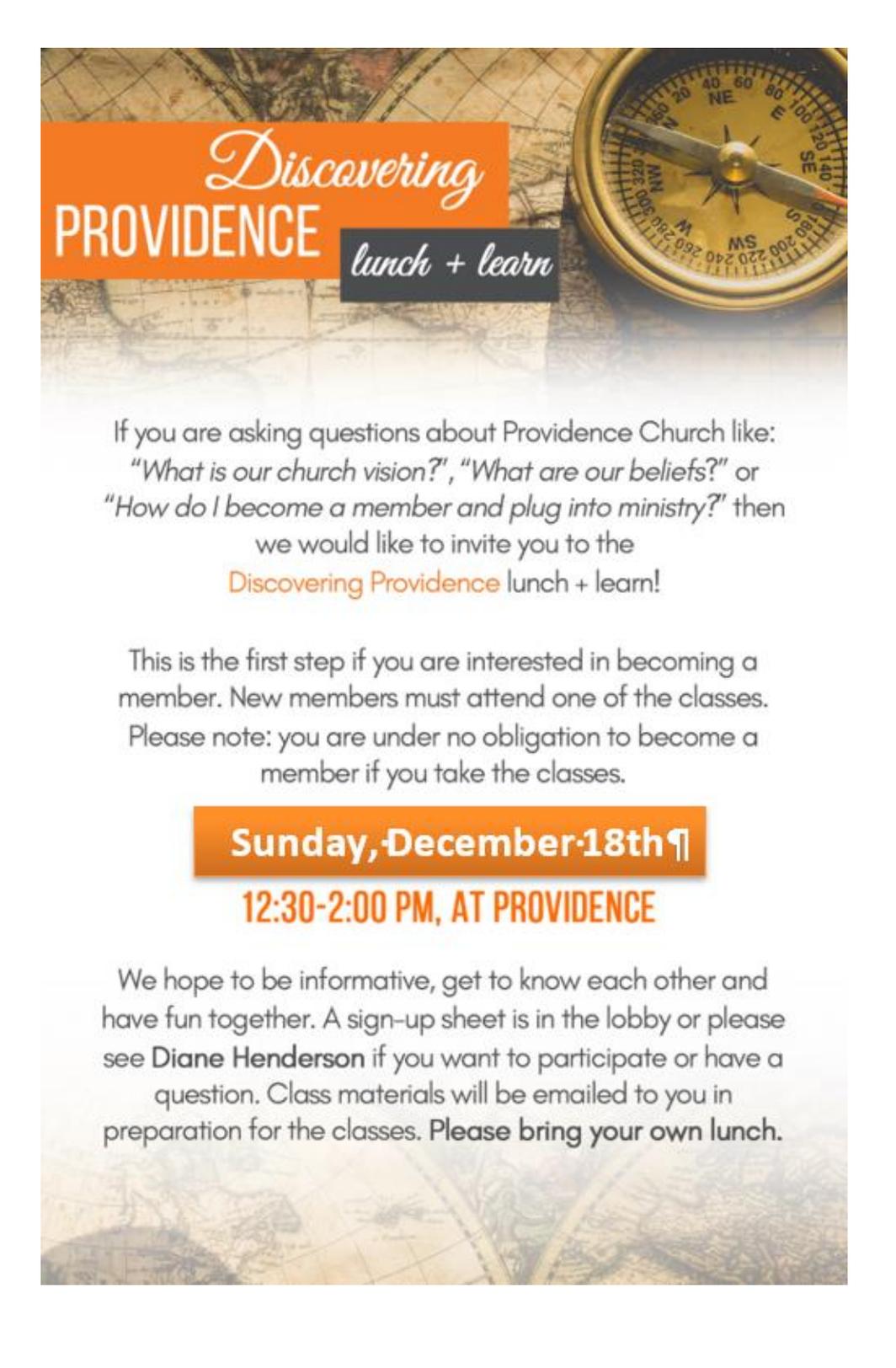
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30PM WORSHIP • 7PM SPEAKER & DESSERT  
COVENANT CHURCH, DOYLESTOWN

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!** This event will be at the November Presbytery meeting. We'll enjoy worship along with the men of Presbytery, followed by a time for just women to hear from a speaker and enjoy some dessert.

**WE'RE EXCITED** to see how God can encourage and grow the women in our region of PCA churches. We look forward to opportunities to co-labor and truly refresh one another. There is no need to sign up, and please bring your friends along!

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# Discovering PROVIDENCE

*lunch + learn*

If you are asking questions about Providence Church like:  
*"What is our church vision?", "What are our beliefs?"* or  
*"How do I become a member and plug into ministry?"* then  
we would like to invite you to the  
**Discovering Providence** lunch + learn!

This is the first step if you are interested in becoming a member. New members must attend one of the classes. Please note: you are under no obligation to become a member if you take the classes.

**Sunday, December 18th** ¶

**12:30-2:00 PM, AT PROVIDENCE**

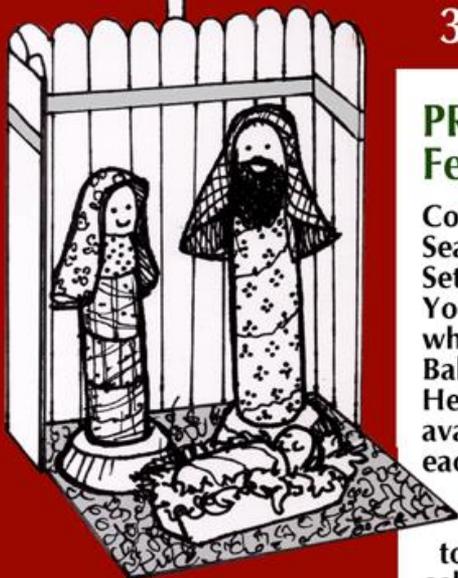
We hope to be informative, get to know each other and have fun together. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby or please see **Diane Henderson** if you want to participate or have a question. Class materials will be emailed to you in preparation for the classes. **Please bring your own lunch.**

*You are invited!*



# Advent WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.



*Make this  
Nativity Set!*

## PROVIDENCE CHURCH Fellowship Hall

Come and celebrate the Advent Season by making this Nativity Set to take home and enjoy! You will visit four craft stations where you'll make Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and the Stable. Helpers and instructions will be available to guide you through each craft.

You'll also receive an Advent devotional at each station to help you and your family celebrate each Sunday in Advent!

A kid-friendly meal will follow the craft time.

1 or 2 adults with one-three children - OR one couple - OR - one older child/teen /single recommended per stable craft set

Sign up at PROVIDENCE CHURCH  
or contact JANET STEVER