



*“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 11, 2022

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

10,000 Reasons

Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

1 John 1:5-10

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity & cleanse us from our sin! We know our transgressions & our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned & done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your words & blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins & blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, & renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation & uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Psalm 103:6-14

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Christ the True and Better

Song

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Song

Praying for the Needs of the World

Elder Roy Van Camp

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 1. 40-45

Trading Places

Rev. Mark Fodale

His Forever

Song

Benediction

Matthew 11:28-30

Scripture Reading

Mark 1. 35-45 (English Standard Version)

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

The Gospel According to Mark
Mark 1. 40-45
Trading Places

I. A Desperate Appeal (v. 40)

- A. His condition
- B. His approach
- C. His plea

II. A Compassionate Response (vs. 41-44)

- A. Jesus' _____
- B. Jesus' _____
- C. Jesus' _____

III. A Shocking Reversal (v. 45)

“... but was out in desolate places ...”

IV. A Gospel Preview

- Jesus _____ in our place.
- Jesus is moved with _____.

Sermon Quotes and References:

It is a sentence, the purpose of which was to protect the health of the community from a dreaded contagion. Lepers were victims of far more than the disease itself. The disease robbed them of their health, and the sentence imposed on them as a consequence robbed them of their name, occupation, habits, family and fellowship, and worshipping community. To ensure against contact with society, lepers were required to make their appearance as repugnant as possible. Josephus, the ancient Jewish historian, speaks of the banishment of lepers being "in no way different than a corpse."

James Edwards, Studies in Mark

Leprosy was a disease which was utterly incurable. It was no mere skin affection, as some ignorantly suppose. It was a radical disease of the whole body. It attacked not merely the skin, but the blood, the flesh, and the bones, until the unhappy patient began to lose his extremities, and to rot away by inches. Let us remember that, amongst the Jews, the leper was reckoned unclean, and was obliged to dwell in desolate, wilderness places. None might touch him or minister to him. Let us remember all this, and then we may have some idea of the remarkable wretchedness of a leprous person. To use the words of Aaron, when he interceded for Miriam when she was afflicted with leprosy, "Let her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away." (Numbers 12.12)

JC Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of Mark

Providence Activities

December 11, 2022

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Rhodes.....	Opdycke
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Henderson.....	Nowicki
Coffee Fellowship Host.....	Miles.....	Wesner / N. Herring
Nursery.....	B. Lacock / A. Manyok.....	Croll
Nursery Helper.....	E. Lacock / R. Manyok.....	N. Detrich / A. Lacock
Sound Booth.....	Darrin (B) / Abby (L).....	Ethan (B) / Heather (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Roy Van Camp.....	Roy Van Camp
Deacon of the Month.....	Gary Stever.....	Gary Stever

This Week:

Today..... Christmas Banquet 12:15 p.m. fellowship hall
..... Annual Congregational Meeting, following the meal in the sanctuary

Monday..... Ladies Cookie Exchange, 6:30 p.m. at Carol Lacock's home, QT

Tuesday..... Ladies 2 *Chronicles* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the lower-level foyer
..... Fryauff's HFG, 6:30p.m. East Greenville
..... Ladies Genesis Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church

Wednesday..... Hobold's HFG, 6:30 p.m. Green Lane
..... Stever's HFG, 6:30 p.m. Quakertown

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 Hebrews Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Nadine's Home, Red Hill

Friday..... Senior Sisters Day trip to visit the Brewer Family, 10:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carpooling from church.
..... Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m. at Snyder's home, Quakertown

Saturday..... Christ's Cupboard food distribution / outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Announcements:

Opportunities to bless others due dates:

- Blessing Baskets due today, if you would still like to contribute, please see Susan McClure
- Gift Cards for Crossroads Pregnancy Care, \$10 WAWA or GIANT only, last day of collection, Dec. 18. Questions see Sue Wilsey
- Cash Love gifts for Providence Pastors and Staff, last day of collection, Dec. 18. Questions see Bill Miles or Gary Stever

A heartfelt thank you note from Alice Zorn: *"I feel so blessed from my Providence family. Thank you for your love shown to me during my moving time. I could not have done everything without you. From happily packing and cleaning to clearing the workshop (Bill Coley you did a wonderful job in there!), to moving my furniture and settling me in. I am praising and thanking the Lord for working out all the details so wonderfully. ~ Alice*



ladies COOKIE *exchange*

Join us for a fun Christmas cookie swap! If you are not a baker, come enjoy some sweet fellowship!

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER

6:30pm at Carol Lacock's home

For the cookie exchange: please bring 5-7 little bags of your favorite cookies to swap. You can also bring copies of your recipe to share!

Everyone: please bring a plate of cookies to share if you can.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalia