



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

January 1, 2023

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Doxology

Song

All Glory Be to Christ

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Romans 3:10-20

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Cleanse us from our selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrongs we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation that is found in the work of Jesus Christ, so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Jesus Paid It All

Hymn #308

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Song

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving

Elder Andy Economopoulos

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn #30

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 2. 13-17

Feasting With Jesus

Rev. Mark Fodale

At the Lamb's High Feast

Hymn #420

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

There is a Fountain

Song

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that He has commanded. And remember – He is with us always, even to the end of the age.

Scripture Reading

Mark 2. 13-17 (English Standard Version)

¹³ Jesus went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Gospel According to Mark
Mark 2. 13-17
Feasting With Jesus

I. An Unexpected Call (vs. 13-14)

"... sitting at the tax booth..."

II. An Unacceptable Celebration (vs. 15-16)

*"... many tax collectors & sinners ...
there were many who followed him."*

III. An Unmistakable Mission (v. 17)

Jesus gives the scribes ...

1. A short proverb
2. A clear vision statement

IV. Some Undeniable Implications

A. Rejoice in His _____

B. Embrace His _____

C. Come to His _____

Sermon Quotes and References:

Mark touches Christians on a sensitive spot with this story of Jesus going into table fellowship with Levi and his friends. Christians do, after all, have a duty to uphold moral standards derived from their belief in God through Jesus. It is natural, therefore, that the church defends such standards and the members embody them in their life style. This sets clear boundaries to the extent to which we can mix easily with those whose lifestyles are very different from ours. We quickly feel not only uneasy, but actually compromised. What is more we sense that the atmosphere in such settings may be harmful to our spiritual growth.

Yet if that becomes our dominant attitude, then we find ourselves increasingly cut off, especially in social rather than work contexts, from those who are different from us in not believing. The church develops an entire subculture of its own and is increasingly insulated from 'the world'. To that extent its witness and missionary effectiveness are diminished.

Donald English, The Message of Mark

*⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of
marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

*⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over
all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.*

*⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for
him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let
us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

Isaiah 25. 6-9

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	J. Thompson / M. Smith	B. & C. Lacock
Greeting Lower-Level.....	D. Cuomo / M. Christiansen	Fryauff
Coffee Fellowship Host	S & B Lacock	Miles
Nursery.....	Dimmicks	S. Fodale / K. Ruiz
Nursery Helper	A. Buldo / S. Snyder	K. Farrar / J. Fryauff
Sound Booth.....	Isaac (B) / Sam (L)	Ethan (B) / Darrin (L)
Communion.....	Dave & Sue Wilsey	
Congregational prayer led by....	Andy Economopoulos	Andy Economopoulos
Deacon of the Month.....	Jon Waltenbaugh	Jon Waltenbaugh

This Week:

- Today.....*Happy New Year!*
- Tuesday
- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the lower-level foyer
 - Session Meeting, 6 :00 p.m. at church
 - Elder’s Wives Prayer Meeting
- Wednesday
- Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday
- Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m. at Snyder’s home in Quakertown

Announcements:

Next Sunday is our Fellowship Meal, please bring a main dish and a side/dessert to share. All are welcome to come. If you are visiting with us, we would love for you to be our guest there is always plenty of food to share. A new list is being created on Sign up Genius to serve as a volunteer on a Fellowship Meal Team. This Team is to help organize the food before the meal & clean up afterwards. You may sign up for one meal or a couple of meals during the year. Please see Monday’s email for the link or you may see Patti Fryauff with questions or to sign up.

Nominations will be closing next week, please remember to place your signed nomination form(s) in the black box labeled “Nominations” on the round table in the Narthex. Extra forms are available next to the black box.

Opportunity to help



The carpets in the sanctuary and narthex will be cleaned this week January 5-8 (Thurs - Sat). Laura and Mike can use help moving the furniture in the sanctuary and narthex. If you are able to help, please contact Mike or Laura McKenna for details.

Thank you!