

*“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 22, 2023

Call to Worship

Matthew 28:1-6

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Come, People of the Risen King

Song

Job 36:22-26

God is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him? Who has prescribed his ways for him, or said to him, 'You have done wrong'? Remember to extol his work, which people have praised in song. All humanity has seen it; mortals gaze on it from afar. How great is God—beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out.

How Great Thou Art

Hymn #44

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Jeremiah 2:1-7, 11-13

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we desire apart from You are shadows, but You are substance; that they are quicksand, but You are mountain; they are shifting, but You are firm forever.

We plead for Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions,

His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Boldly I Approach the Throne

Song

Completely Done

Song

Praying for the Needs of Our Church

Elder Andy Economopoulos

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Speak, O Lord

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 3. 7-19

From the Crowds to the Called

Rev. Mark Fodale

As Long As I Have Breath

Song

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 3. 7-19 (English Standard Version)

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

The Gospel According to Mark
Mark 3. 7-19
From the Crowds to the Called

I. Overwhelmed by the Crowds (vs. 7-12)

- A. The _____ of the crowd
- B. The _____ of the crowd
- C. The _____ of the crowd
- D. The _____ of some

II. Purposeful About the Called (vs.13-19)

*"... be with him ... send them out to preach ...
have authority to cast out demons."*

III. Our Response

- 1. Am I part of the crowd?
- 2. Am I one of the called?
- 3. Where am I called to follow Jesus?

Sermon Quotes and References:

In every respect this new community is Jesus' doing. The ESV says, "*He appointed twelve*," but the Greek says, "*he made Twelve*." To appoint is to select from an existing lot & to raise them to a new status, but to *make* means to bring into existence. Mark's verb is the same as that of Gen 1.1 (in the Septuagint). It is very conceivable that Mark intends to recall the opening line of Genesis, "*In the beginning God made heaven and earth*," signifying that the Twelve are the start of a new creation formed by the gospel.

The new status of the disciples is also signified by their being named "*apostles*." This again may recall the creation theme, where Adam named the animals (Gen 2:19). In the biblical world the right to name belonged to a superior — maker, master, parent — who determined the essence & purpose of what was named.

James Edwards, The Gospel According to Mark

The biggest threat to the church today is fans who call themselves Christians but aren't actually interested in following Christ. They want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything from them ... Fans don't mind him doing a little touch-up work, but Jesus wants complete renovation. Fans come to Jesus thinking tune-up, but Jesus is thinking overhaul. Fans think a little makeup is fine, but Jesus is thinking makeover. Fans think a little decorating is required, but Jesus wants a complete remodel. Fans want Jesus to inspire them, but Jesus wants to interfere with their lives.

*Kyle Idleman,
Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus*

Providence Activities

January 22, 2023

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level	McKenna	Condon
Greeting Lower-Level	Brand / M. Beatrice	Henderson
Coffee Fellowship Host	Fryauff / Achenbach	Kuciemba / Haldeman
Nursery.....	Croll	K. Phillips / M. Herring
Nursery Helper	K. Opdycke / A. Lacock	K. McDonnell / T. Henderson
Sound Booth.....	Ethan (B) / Isaac (L)	Darrin (B) / Sam (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Andy Economopoulos	Andy Economopoulos
Deacon of the Month	Jon Waltenbaugh	Jon Waltenbaugh

This Week:

Today..... Men’s Leadership Training, 5:30 p.m. at church
Tuesday Ladies *Ezra* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. lower-level foyer*
..... Fryauff’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. at Fryauff’s home East Greenville
..... Ladies *Genesis* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
Wednesday Stever’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. at Stever’s home, Quakertown
Thursday..... Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
..... Women’s Hebrews Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Nadine’s Home, Red Hill
Saturday *Stitches of Love*, 1:00 p.m. at church

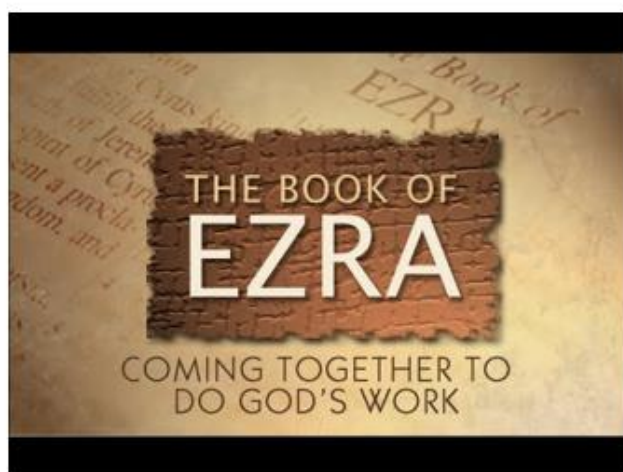
Future:

January 29 Independence Court Service, 2:00 p.m. Quakertown
..... Guest Missionary Speaker, Rachel Hart, 6:00 p.m. Providence
Sanctuary

Announcements:

*The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study, will begin a new study on the Book of Ezra this week. All ladies are invited to join them. This study meets every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the lower-level foyer. Child Care is provided. Please see Tori Zbinden or Kathryn Zimmerman if you have any questions.

The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study invites all ladies, to join them on January 24th, as they begin a new study!



This study meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. in the lower-level foyer. Childcare is provided.

We look forward to studying together!

Any questions please contact

Tori Zbinden

Kathryn Zimmerman

MTW Missionary Guest Speaker



Rachel Hart

Coming to Providence

Sunday January 29

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Light refreshments served

About Rachel:

With a missions-minded upbringing, Rachel Hart developed a desire for missions at a young age. After a few mission trips to Ukraine, the Lord nurtured Rachell's heart for Ukraine. As she learned about the culture and history, her heart resonated with it because of her Slavic heritage through her Russian grandmother. Her concern for the Ukrainian people deepened with the escalation of the war.

Rachel is a member of the Odesa, Ukraine team, whose vision is to train and equip churches in the southern region of Ukraine. A graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Rachel has the role of women's ministry coordinator, which includes caring for those dealing with grief and trauma.

Please pray for Rachel as she brings gospel hope and comfort to a people who have suffered much affliction throughout their history.