



*“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 29, 2023*

## *Call to Worship*

Matthew 9:9-13

*As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 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

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Hymn #457

Opening Prayer

## *Confessing Our Sins Together*

James 1:19-27

**Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid.**

**O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of Jesus and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

# *Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness*

John 10:27-29

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*

***His Forever***

Song

***Revelation***

Song

Praying for the Needs of Our Community and Nation

*Elder Andy Economopoulos*

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

***Christ is Mine Forevermore***

Song

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

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark 3. 20-35

*Words of Warning, Words of Hope*

*Rev. Mark Fodale*

***Man of Sorrows (Hallelujah, What a Savior)***

Song

Benediction

Numbers 6:26

*May the LORD bless you and keep you; may He make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

## *Scripture Reading*

### **Mark 3. 20-35** (English Standard Version)

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.”

<sup>33</sup> And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

<sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

**The Gospel According to Mark**  
**Mark 3. 20-35**  
*Words of Warning, Words of Hope*

**I. Family Opposition, part 1 (vs. 20-21)**

*"He is out of his mind."*

**II. "Official" Opposition (vs. 22-30)**

A. The charge of the scribes (v. 22, 30)

B. The response of Jesus (vs. 23-29)

1. Two \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 24-25)

2. One \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 26-27)

3. One \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 28-29)

**III. Family Opposition, part 2 (vs. 31-35)**

*"Here are my mother and my brothers."*

**IV. What Do We Learn About Jesus?**

A. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ over Satan, who sets captives free.

B. Jesus is a gracious \_\_\_\_\_, who forgives & welcomes sinners.

## *Sermon Quotes and References:*

The critics of Jesus have watched God's grace freely given in the casting out of demons. Their offense is not that they asked questions. In the gospels it is occasionally the questions, even the sharp ones, which lead to some of Jesus' most profound statements. Nor is it their crime that they doubted - Thomas is a good example of that! Nor is it that they did not understand. The disciples of Jesus will find themselves in that situation in the very next chapter of this gospel.

Their sin is that, in the presence of God's grace in action, they have not only rejected it but ascribed it to the devil. This is their fixed & determined position. No wonder they will not find forgiveness.

*Donald English, The Message of Mark*

I hope you don't underestimate the forgiveness of sins. For many years I did. I had gotten the impression that forgiveness of sins was rather preliminary. The forgiveness of sinners - providing reconciliation with God and man and man with God - is the most exciting thing of which the Bible speaks, and we must never get beyond it.

*Dick Lucas*

# Providence Activities

January 29, 2023

<b>Task Schedule</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Condon .....	Wilsey
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Henderson .....	Rhodes
Coffee Fellowship Host .....	Kuciemba / Hobolds .....	Opdycke / Kriebel / Van Norden
Nursery.....	K. Phillips / M. Herring .....	Patti Fryauff / R. Condon
Nursery Helper .....	K. McDonnell / T. Henderson .....	T. Jarratt / Porter Fryauff
Sound Booth.....	Darrin (B) / Sam (L).....	Nick (B) / Heather (L)
Congregational prayer led by....	Andy Economopoulos .....	Jonathan Kuciemba
Deacon of the Month .....	Jon Waltenbaugh .....	Steve Lacock

## **This Week:**

Today..... Independence Court Service, 2:00 p.m. Quakertown  
..... Guest Missionary Speaker, Rachel Hart, 6:00 p.m. Providence  
Sanctuary\*

Tuesday .....

..... Ladies *Ezra* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. lower-level foyer\*

..... Women's Ministry Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at church

Wednesday .....

..... Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday..... Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Friday .....

..... Miles HFG, 7:00 p.m. at Snyder's Home, Quakertown

## **Announcements:**

\*Please join us tonight as we welcome **Rachel Hart, a missionary with MTW**. She will be presenting her ministry at 6:00 p.m. this evening in the sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served.

**Recycle Help Needed:** The township requires organization to have a recycle program in place. We have a recycle bin in our church kitchen that collects cans, glass and #1 & 2 plastics. We are looking for 1 person/family to commit to emptying the recycle bin on a monthly rotation. You may bring the recycle items to a recycling center or to your own bins at home. A sign up genius form has been made for monthly rotations, please check Monday's eNews for the link or see Patti Fryauff.

**The Senior Sisters Mug-N-Muffin Group** will be taking muffins to visit a couple of our sisters in their own homes this February. Please sign up if you can go. The choices to show love are: **Wednesday, February 8**, at 1:00 p.m., **Thursday, February 9**, at 1:00 p.m. OR 2:30 p.m. Call, text or email Carol if you are interested in visiting and to sign up for one or more visits

# Hoops For Missions Fundraiser



*Saturday, February 25*

*3:00 - 5:30 p.m.*

*Upper Bucks Christian School*

*754 E Rockhill Road, Sellersville 18960*

*Volunteers are needed! Please see backside  
of this insert to learn more details about  
the event and how you can volunteer.*

## What is the event about?

- It is an inter church 3 v 3 basketball tournament at Upper Bucks Christian School.
- There will be teams coming from churches around the area to compete (each church pays an entry fee)
- All proceeds from the tournament will support our DiscipleMakers Missionaries.

## Volunteers needed...

- To make baked goods, bring snacks, drinks, etc.
- Man the snack stand
- Referee the games
- Cheer on your Providence Panthers! We have two teams from our church!
- Help with set up and take down of chairs, tables, trash cans...

*If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jason Zimmerman and let him know how you can help.*

*Thank you!*

# 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.