



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

March 24, 2024

Call to Worship

Mark 11:7-10

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Hymn #310

Psalms 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

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Matthew 7:12-23

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. We have sinned against you, Father, and we humbly repent.

We come now to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls, and forgiveness for our sins. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from

sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-14

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.

Man of Sorrows Song

Sing to Jesus Song

Praying for Our Church & Our Community Elder Steve Haldeman

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Christ the True and Better Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to James
James 2. 14-26
Faith and Works
Rev. Mark Fodale

Take My Life and Let it Be Hymn #585

Benediction Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Scripture Reading

James 2. 14-26 (English Standard Version)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has **faith** but does not have **works**? Can that **faith** save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have **faith** and I have **works.**” Show me your **faith** apart from your **works**, and I will show you my **faith** by my **works.** ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that **faith apart from works is useless?** ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by **works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that **faith** was active along with his **works**, and **faith** was completed by his **works**; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by **works** and not by **faith** alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by **works** when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also **faith apart from works is dead.**

The Gospel According to James
James 2. 14-26
Faith and Works

I. Establishing His Point (vs14-17)

- A. Two questions (v14)
- B. An illustration (vs. 15-16)
- C. His conclusion (v17)

II. Defending His Point (vs. 18-26)

- A. Responding to an opponent (vs. 18-20)
- B. Considering two examples (vs-21-25)
 - 1. A patriarch (vs. 21-24)
 - 2. A prostitute (vs. 25-26)

*... the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above
and on the earth beneath. Joshua 2. 11*

III. Applying the Passage

- A. To ourselves
- B. To others

Sermon Quotes and References:

Though we are justified by faith alone, the faith that justifies is never alone. It produces moral fruit; it expresses itself “through love” (Gal. 5:6); it transforms one’s way of living; it produces virtue. This is not only because holiness is commanded, but also because the regenerate heart ... desires holiness and can find full contentment only in seeking it. And so Paul denounces the idea of salvation by dead works; James rejects salvation by dead faith.

JI Packer, Concise Theology

O, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. It does not ask whether good works ought to be done. But before the question is even asked, it has already done them, and is constantly doing them. Whoever does not do such works, however, is an unbeliever. He gropes and looks around for faith and good works, but knows neither what faith is nor what good works are. Yet he talks and talks, with many words, about faith and good works ... It is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat & light from fire.

Martin Luther, Preface to the Epistle of Romans

A company of travelers fall into a pit: one of them gets a fellow passenger to draw him out. Now he should not be angry with the rest for falling in; nor because they are not yet out, as he is. He did not pull himself out: instead, therefore, of reproaching them, he should show them pity ... A man, truly illuminated, will no more despise others, than Bartimaeus, after his own eyes were opened, would take a stick, and beat every blind man he met.

John Newton, Works of John Newton

www.9marks.org/answer/how-do-i-lovingly-confront-someone-who-claims-be-converted-who-lives-non-christian/

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level	Ribeiro/Smith	8:30 Ribeiro /10:30 Morris
Greeting Lower-Level	Achenbach	8:30 Wilsey /10:30 TBD
Coffee Fellowship Host	Dietrich/Zbinden/Moyer	None
Nursery.....	Kaplan/Patti Fryauff	8:30 K. Morris/K. Kuciemba
.....	10:30 T. Jarratt/D. Van Norden
Nursery Helper	K. Wesner/E. Lacock	10:30 K. Farrar/A. Lacock
Sound Booth.....	Nick H. (B)/ Justin H. (L)	Darrin (B)/ Nick H. (L)
Deacon of the Month	Mark Opdycke	Mark Opdycke

This Week:

- Today..... Easter Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary
..... Discovering Providence Class, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Ladies *Daniel* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
- Wednesday Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Thursday..... Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
..... Ministry to State Prayer Meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
..... Ladies *Daniel* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
..... Men’s *1 Peter* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at church
- Friday Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.

Future:

- March 31 Easter Services: Both worship services 8:30 & 10:30 am are identical
- 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- April 7 Shepherding Group Meetings for Paul W., Jonathan K., Steve H. and Eric H. meeting at various places after worship.

Announcements:

Christ’s Cupboard Food Pantry Needs: If you are able, we are in need of peanut butter, Jelly, pasta, sauce, cereal, and canned fruit. Thank you!

New Sunday School Classes for Adults and High School Students are beginning April 7th. *Christianity 101:* Fellowship Hall | *A Study of the Book of Leviticus:* Sanctuary.

Crossroads Pregnancy Care is hosting their annual fundraising banquet on Friday, April 12th at Indian Valley Country Club. A few people from Providence will be attending. If you’d like to attend, please register on their website at www.FriendsofCrossroadsqtn.care.

Eric Hobold’s Shepherding Group will be meeting Sunday, April 7th at their home, Green Lane.



Upcoming Events at Providence March 2024

10 MAR	Fellowship Meal 12:30 pm	16 MAR	March Meat Maddness at MaryLou's! 4:30 pm
17 MAR	End of Change for Life Campaign Please return your baby bottles to the lower-level foyer	19 MAR	Senior Sister's Field Trip to Glick's Green house & the Market at Boyer's Junction 11:00 a.m.
23 MAR	Hoops for Missions At Upper Bucks Christian School 2-5pm	24 MAR	Discovering Providence Lunch & Learn Class 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
28 MAR	Ministry to State Prayer Meeting 11:30 a.m.	29 MAR	Good Friday Service 6:30 pm
31 MAR	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	Please note these dates are special events which are currently listed on the church calendar, others may be established in the future.	

More details to come on some of the events,
please visit our website

WWW.PROVIDENCE-PCA.ORG



Fundraising Banquet



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

6:30 p.m.

(Doors open 6:00 pm)

INDIAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
650 Bergey Road, Telford, PA 18969

Please register with Mary Beatrice if you would like to attend.

Deadline to register is April 1st



Music Provided by

Josh Wilson

Speaker: Judge Cheryl Allen



For more details use the QR code or go to

www.friendsofcrossroadsqtn.care/banquet