



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

April 14, 2024

Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-2

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Majestic

Song

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor & are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle & lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

We Come, O Christ to You

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Colossians 3:1-17

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation & those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own works & those when we have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others & the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others & the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others & the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

Lord God, have mercy on us & make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name we pray, Amen.

Responding in Our Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Song

I Will Boast in Christ Alone

Song

Celebrating the Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

† Micah Herring

† Peytra Phillips

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

I Will Wait for You

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to James

James 3. 13-18

Show Me Your Wisdom!

Rev. Mark Fodale

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Song

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us & gave us eternal comfort & good hope through grace, comfort your hearts & establish them in every good work & word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

James 3. 1, 6-18 (English Standard Version)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The Gospel According to James
James 3. 13-18
Show Me Your Wisdom!

I. Wisdom's Definition (v13)

True wisdom is seen in ...

- An _____ life
- An _____ life
- A _____ life

II. Wisdom's Competition (vs. 14-16)

A. Wisdom from below

1. Evidence
2. Source
3. Effect

B. Wisdom from above

1. Source
2. Evidence
3. Effect

III. Wisdom's Redemption

Sermon Quotes & References

There is a kind of person who is undoubtedly clever, with acute brain and skillful tongue; but his or her effect, nevertheless, in any committee, in any church, in any group, is to cause trouble and to disturb personal relationships. It is a sobering thing to remember that the wisdom he or she possesses is devilish rather than divine.

William Barclay, Notes on James

... all of this must come from the heart: this is not a face we wear for the occasion, but a nature which we display in our deeds. “Impartial and sincere” means that we are not of two minds about it all. James reaches back here to the double-minded man of 1:6–8, the person who has not finally settled the issue of where his loyalty lies. “Impartial and sincere” means that we are not trying to be two different people, with an outward life maintained for appearance’ sake but an inward heart kept secret & very different. “Impartial” demands a firm commitment of mind and heart; “sincere” requires an equally firm commitment to a matching life.

Alec Moyer, The Message of James

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1. 26-31

Providence Activities

April 14, 2024

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Opdycke.....	Dimmick
Greeting Lower-Level.....	McKenna	Brand/Rittenhouse
Coffee Fellowship Host	Buldo	J & M Herring/Argue
Nursery.....	K. Morris/K. McDonnell.....	Croll
Nursery Helper	T. Henderson/K. Zimmerman	Abigail Kuciemba/Bergey
Sound Booth.....	Isaac (B) / Jonah (L)	Nick H. (B) / Josh H. (L)
Deacon of the Month	Gary Stever	Gary Stever

This Week:

Today.....	Fellowship Meal, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	Ladies <i>Daniel</i> Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
.....	Ladies <i>Torah/Gensis</i> Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
.....	Fryauff's HFG, 6:30 p.m. at their home in East Greenville
.....	Women's Ministry Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at church
Wednesday	Stever's HFG, 6:30 p.m. meeting at their home in Quakertown
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., Fellowship Hall
.....	Ladies Fellowship Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at Dominick's Restaurant, QT
.....	Ladies <i>Daniel</i> Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
Saturday	Christ's Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Future:

April 27	Eastern PA Presbytery Women's Conference – all day
May 4	Evangelistic Bible Study Workshop, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
May 5	3D Fundraiser Dinner – <i>Mexican Night</i> , 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

Today is our **Fellowship Meal** following morning worship. Everyone is invited to attend; especially visitors.



Upcoming Events

for Providence April / May 2024

7 APR	New Adult & High School SS Classes 9:30 a.m. - Christianity 101 (FH) - Leviticus Study (sanctuary)	12 APR	Crossroads Annual Fundraising Banquet At Indian Valley Country Club 6:00 p.m.
14 APR	Fellowship Meal 12:30 p.m.	18 APR	Ministry to State Prayer meeting Everyone is invited! 11:30 am
27 APR	Eastern PA Presbytery Women's Conference 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.	4 MAY	Evangelistic Bible Study Workshop At Providence 9:00 am
5 MAY	3D Fundraising Dinner Mexican Night 6:00 p.m.	19 MAY	Fellowship Meal *Please note date change* 12:30 a.m.
24 MAY	Senior Sister Luncheon at Spinnerstown Inn 12:00 pm	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

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MEXICAN NIGHT

***3D would like to invite you to our
annual fundraiser dinner!***

Each year the youth group holds a fundraising dinner themed after a different country of the world. This helps pay for the students to go to camps, conferences, fund missions efforts, and much more, all while giving them a chance to serve the church.

Join us for a night of traditional Mexican food and culture.

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FREE ADMISSION

Donations collected for Providence's youth group.

MAY 5TH, 6:00PM PROVIDENCE CHURCH

2200 Krammes Rd
Quakertown, PA 18951

Questions? Contact Ethan Supplee