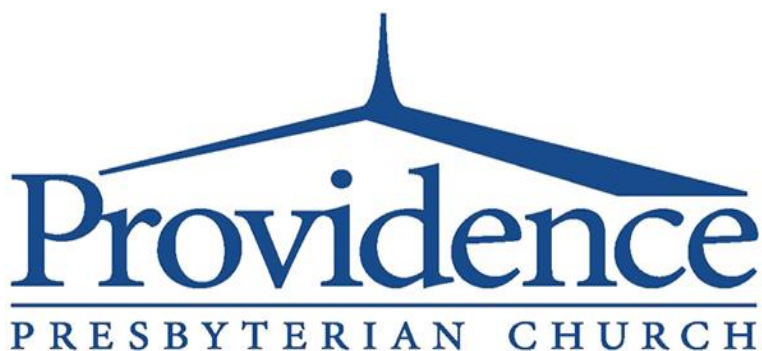




*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

May 19, 2024

Call to Worship

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Song

Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Cornerstone

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. In your mercy, forgive us & restore to us the joy of our salvation, so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Responding in Our Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

My Living Hope

Song

His Mercy is More

Song

Praying for our Church Family

Elder Paul Wesner

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to James

James 5. 1-6

"Come now, you rich ..."

Rev. Mark Fodale

A Mighty Fortress

Hymn #92

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Scripture Reading

James 5. 1-6 (English Standard Version)

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

The Gospel According to James
James 5. 1-6
“Come now, you rich ...”

I. A Frightening Warning to the Rich

- A. Hoarding (vs. 2-3)

- B. Defrauding (v4)

- C. Self-indulgence (v5)

- D. Oppression (v6)

II. A Gracious Word to the Church

- A. A word of _____

- B. A word of _____

III. A Needful Reminder of Jesus

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is
silent, so he opened not his mouth.*

Isaiah 53.7

Sermon Quotes & References

The verb *wail* ... conveys the sounds of weeping accompanied by recurring shouts of pain, bringing to mind the experience of excruciating grief or anguish. The rich will lose everything they have devoted themselves to and everything they have relied upon. Theirs will be the despair of people who discover their dreams have betrayed them and their treasures have been destroyed forever.

IVP NT Commentary Series, James 5.1-3

For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. They scoff & speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

Psalm 73. 3-9, 16-19

It is in fact surely impossible to read the words “... *murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you*” without the lone & wonderful figure of the Lord Jesus coming before the eyes of the mind. He is pre-eminently the Righteous One—his response of non-resistance is at one & the same time the most demanding example and the sweetest consolation in time of oppression & temptation.

Alec Motyer, The Message of James

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Farrar	B. & C. Lacock
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Fryauff	J. Thompson/Brand
Coffee Fellowship Host	Nowicki.....	S. & B. Lacock/Wilsey
Nursery.....	Carol Lacock/Tammy Jarratt	Patti Fryauff/S. Fodale
Nursery Helper	Jonah Fryauff./A. Nix	Riako Manyok/E. Lacock
Sound Booth.....	Darrin. (B)/Nick H. (L)	Nick H. (B)/Justin H. (L)
Deacon of the Month	Jonathan Waltenbaugh	Jonathan Waltenbaugh

This Week:

- Today..... Fellowship Meal following morning worship
..... 3D Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. at church
- Tuesday Ladies *Daniel* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
..... 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. in the Fellowship Hall
..... Ministry to State Prayer Meeting, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday Senior Sister’s Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. at Spinnerstown Inn
- Saturday Men’s *Proverbs* Study, 8:30 a.m. at church
..... *Stitches of love* 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Opportunity to Serve: We have a need for folks to serve in the Sound booth/Tech area. No prior skills needed, as we will train in what to do. The main requirement is having a good ear for sound, and not afraid of technology. Please see Nick Herring or Eric Hobold if you’d like to volunteer in this ministry.

Today is our ***fellowship meal***, everyone is invited to attend; especially visitors.