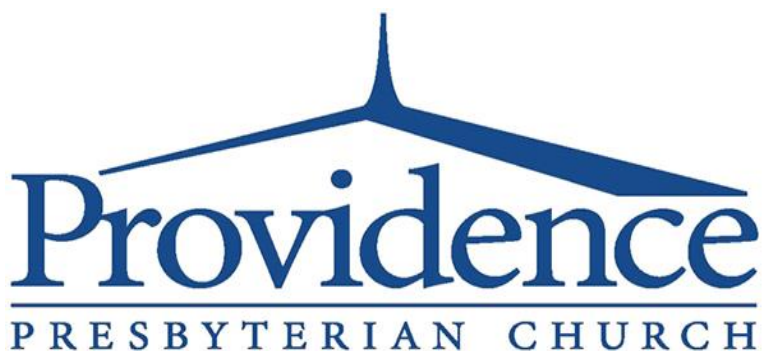




*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

May 26, 2024

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Come, People of the Risen King

Song

Psalm 8

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Isaiah 58:6-8

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

O Lord of lords, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us.

We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you have forgiven us. We

withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own Son.

We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, forgive us for our sins because of Jesus' death for us, and renew in us a spirit of obedience by His resurrection. Amen.

Responding in Our Forgiveness

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.

What He's Done

Song

Revelation Song

Song

Praying for the Persecuted Church

Elder Paul Wesner

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

I Will Wait for You

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to James

James 5. 7-11

Be Patient!

Rev. Mark Fodale

Be Still, My Soul

Hymn #689

Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy & peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading

James 5. 1-11 (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.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

The Gospel According to James
James 5. 7-11
Be Patient!

I. The Vision of Patience (v7)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (1.2-3)

II. The Work of Patience (vs. 8-9)

- A. What they must _____ (v8)
- B. What they must _____ (v9)
- C. What they must _____ (v9)

III. The Blessing of Patience (vs. 10-11)

- A. For the prophets (vs. 10-11)
- B. For Job (v11)

IV. The Renewal of All Things

"Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21. 5

- Look to _____
- Look to _____

Sermon Quotes & References

We see patience exemplified in the prophets, who were highly privileged but not protected against the strains of life. They had a special place in God's plans as they spoke in the name of the Lord. But their faithfulness to God's commands, so far from giving them immunity from suffering, actually involved them in it. Their privilege & their trials went hand in hand. Jeremiah (11:21) was hunted by the men of his hometown specifically because they wanted to stop him from speaking in the name of the Lord. Ezekiel suffered painful sorrows as the setting in which he delivered his message (24:15ff.). If Daniel had not suffered deportation we would never have heard of him (1:3–6) or benefited from his ministry. Hosea's marriage breakdown was in itself the Lord's word to & through him (1:2–3). Privilege & suffering, suffering & ministry, belonged together in the lives of the prophets.

Alec Motyer, The Message of James

Afflictions ought ever to be estimated by their end. For at first God seems to be far away, and Satan in the meantime revels in the confusion; the flesh suggests to us that we are forsaken of God & lost. We ought, then, to extend our view farther, for near & around us there appears no light. If we will but do our part in bearing evils obediently, He will by no means be wanting in performing His part. Hope directs us only to the end; God will then show himself very merciful, however severe He may have seemed to be while afflicting us.

John Calvin, Commentary on James

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12. 1-3

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level	J. Thompson/Brand	Opdycke
Greeting Lower-Level	B. & C. Lacock	Beatrice/Smith
Coffee Fellowship Host	S. & B. Lacock/Wilsey	Kuehlewind/Skoriak
Nursery.....	Patti Fryauff/S. Fodale	A. Manyok/K. Morris
Nursery Helper	Riako Manyok/E. Lacock.....	Kaplan
Sound Booth.....	Nick H. (B)/Justin H. (L).....	Isaac (B) / Josh H. (L)
Communion.....		Bob and Carol Lacock
Deacon of the Month	Jonathan Waltenbaugh	Steve Lacock

This Week:

- Monday *Happy Memorial Day!*
- Tuesday Fryauff’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. at their home in East Greenville
- Wednesday Stever’s HFG, 6:00 p.m. end of the year picnic
- Thursday..... Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, 9:30 a.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.

Christ’s Cupboard is in need of regular restocking but we specifically need personal hygiene items. If you are able to donate the following items that would be wonderful: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and conditioner, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, shaving cream, women’s products, etc. Items can be placed on the cart in the lower-level foyer by the stairs. The next food distribution/outreach is June 15th. Thank you for your generosity!

Discovering Providence Lunch and Learn Class. If you are asking questions about Providence, "What is our vision?", "What are our beliefs?" or "How do I become a member and plug into ministry?" We would like to invite you to the Discovering Providence Lunch & Learn class. This is the first step if you are interested in membership. (Note: you are under no obligation by taking the class to become a member.) The class is being held on **Sunday, June 30, 12:30-2:00 p.m.** Please sign up at church in the upper-level foyer on the credenza if you can attend. Lunch is provided.

Provi Moms & Kids Summer Playdates. Join us every Wednesday in June & July at the Pavilion from 9:30-11:30 for fellowship and fun with our kids. Bring your own snacks, towels & water toys! See you there! Contact Kate Wesner with questions.