



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 8, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-4

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him

Song

Here in Your Presence

Song

Opening Prayer

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

REJOICING IN OUR FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Song

Behold Our God

Song

Praying for the Persecuted Church

Elder Steve Haldeman

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Song

HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

The Gospel According to Titus

Titus 1. 5-9

Spiritual Flourishing

Rev. Dr. David Royes

As Long as I Have Breath

Song

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 1. 5-12 (English Standard Version)

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

¹⁰ For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹ They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. ¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

The Gospel According to Titus
Titus 1. 5-9
Spiritual Flourishing

I. Elders: A Source of Discipleship

"Into order ... (elders) ... in every town"

II. Elders: A Display of the Spirit

A. _____ *"above reproach"*

B. _____ *"hold firm"*

C. _____ *"able to"*

III. Elders: A Soundness of Doctrine

ADDITIONAL SERMON NOTES:

PROVIDENCE ACTIVITIES

September 8, 2024

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	Beatrice/Ribeiro	Henderson
Greeting Lower-Level.....	Smith/Cuomo	Fryauff
Coffee Fellowship Host	Manyok	Bergey/Dietrich/J. Hand/Hvidzak
Nursery.....	K. Landis/S. Fodale	Croll
Nursery Helper	Aidan Lacock/Jonah Landis.....	Godshall
Sound Booth.....	James F. (B) / Justin H. (L).....	Nick H. (B) / Josh H. (L)
Deacon of the Month.....	Jonathan Waltenbaugh	Jonathan Waltenbaugh

This Week:

Sunday..... Fellowship Meal, following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall
Mon- Sat..... Church building will be closed for carpet and tile cleaning
Wed..... Senior Sister’s Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Carol Lacock’s home

Future:

Sept 29 *God, Politics and the Church*, 6 pm in the sanctuary*
Oct. 5 Harvest Fest, Costume Party, 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion
Oct. 11-12..... Women’s Retreat at Ladore Retreat Center, Waymart PA
Nov. 2 Men’s Fall Conference at Providence. More details to come!

Announcements:

*Join us Sunday evening, **Sept. 29th 6-7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. ***God, Politics and the Church.*** In the midst of another election season, come and learn as Pastor Mark shows us what God’s Word says about...*The Role of Government, The Place of Politics, Our Call as Christians, and Our Responsibility as Citizens.*

Join us for a fun evening of food, games, line dancing, fellowship and fun at the ***Harvest Fest*** on Saturday, October 5th! We will be gathering at 4 p.m. at the pavilion. If it rains, we will be in the fellowship hall. Please see the poster in the upper-level foyer on how you can help. If you have any questions, please talk to James or Rachael Condon.

Women’s Retreat October 11-12, 2024. Join us for a weekend of fun together! The retreat at the Ladore Retreat Center in Waymart PA is for all Provi women 18+. Cost \$50.00 per person. Please RSVP by 10/6/24 if you are able to attend.

If any individuals or families are interested in starting a ***Home Fellowship Group*** in your home, please call or email Bill Miles to receive more information on serving the Lord and His Body in this vital caring ministry! Contact info for Bill 267-374-8420 or email: mbmiles417@comcast.net. *“Not neglecting to meet together...but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* Is the Lord calling you to facilitate/host an HFG?

Today is our ***Fellowship Meal***, everyone is welcome to attend; especially visitors.

WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE

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