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a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Lord's Day Worship

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday in Advent

Call to Worship

Genesis 3:14-15

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Romans 12:9-21

Gracious God, we come before You with humble hearts, knowing that we have fallen short of Your glory. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to judge others while overlooking our own faults. We have been selfish & have failed to reflect the grace and mercy You show us through Jesus.

Forgive us for the times we have neglected the needs of others & missed opportunities to act justly and with compassion. Help us to live each day in a manner that reflects the forgiveness we have received from Jesus & the hope we have in Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:2-5

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was

despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Man of Sorrows Song

Is He Worthy? Song

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving *Rev. Jonathan Kuciemba*

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

I Will Wait for You Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Galatians
Galatians 1. 1-5
Beginning With the Gospel
Rev. Mark Fodale

I Will Boast in Christ Alone Song

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

Communion Song

Benediction Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 1. 1-5 (English Standard Version)

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— [2] and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, [4] who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, [5] to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel According to Galatians
Galatians 1. 1-5
Beginning With the Gospel

I. Paul's Heart

A. His _____ (*on his 1st mission*)

B. His _____ (*on his 2nd mission*)

C. His _____ (*on his 3rd mission*)

II. Paul's Authority

" … not from … nor through … but through …"

III. Paul's Message

A. What God gives

B. Who is included

C. What Jesus accomplished

a. _____

b. _____

Sermon Quotes and references:

Justification is the article by which the church stands or falls. This article teaches me first not what I ought to do (which is the function of the law) but what Jesus Christ has done for me (which is the glory of the gospel). I must know this article well & often teach it to others, even beating it into their heads continually as necessary.

Martin Luther, Preface to Galatians

It is worth noting that there is significance to this order: the grace of God & Christ is what is given to God's people; peace is what results from such a gift. Hence, "*grace to you, and peace*." In a profound sense this greeting represents Paul's understanding of the gospel. The sum total of God's activity toward his human creatures is found in the word "*grace*": God has given himself to His people bountifully & mercifully in Christ. Nothing is deserved, nothing can be achieved. The sum total of those benefits as they are experienced by the recipients of God's grace is "*peace*," God's *shalom*, both now & to come. The latter (peace) flows out of the former (grace), and both together come from "*God our Father*" and are made effective in & through our "*Lord Jesus Christ*."

Matthew Harmon & John Sloat, Galatians

Providence Activities

December 1, 2024

Task Schedule	**This Week**	**Next Week**
Greeting Upper-Level	(8:15) Dimmick	(8:15) Cuomo/Weber
	(11:00 Rhodes	(11:00) Cuomo/Ribeiro
Greeting Lower-Level	(8:15) Condon	(8:15) Bergey/Hand
	(11:00) Skoriak	(11:00) Hobold
Coffee Fellowship Host	Haldeman/Lindner	J & M Herring
Nursery	(8:15) B. Lacock	(8:15) K. Phillips/K. Morris
	(11:00) Croll	(11:00) Croll
Nursery Helper	(8:15) M. Kelsall/R. Manyok	(8:15) A. Wesner
	(11:00) Miller	(11:00) J. Fryauff
Sound Booth	James F. (B) / Justin H (L)	Isaac Snyder (B)/TBD. (L)
Deacon of the Month	Gary Stever	Gary Stever

This Week:

Sunday..... Christmas Banquet, 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*
..... Annual Congregational Meeting, 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
..... Dessert, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday ..... Ladies *Joshua* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
Wednesday. ..... Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
..... Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.
Thursday..... Co-ed Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
..... Ladies Evening *Joshua* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
Friday..... Varsity Singers Concert, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Announcements:

Cash Love gifts are being collected for our pastors and other staff as the Elders desire to honor their wonderful commitment to serve the Body and Christ. The cash gifts can be given to Bill Miles or Gary Stever any time until **December 22nd.** Please take note, no checks, cash only please. Thank you!

*Today is our **Christmas Banquet and Congregational Meeting**. Join us at 4:00 pm for a delicious Christmas Banquet, followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting at 5 p.m. and dessert at 6 p.m. We look forward to this time together in celebrating what God has done and is doing at Providence.

Varsity Singers (Quakertown High School special Choir) are coming to Providence this **Friday December 6th** at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy their beautiful gifted voices and invite others to come. Afterwards we will be having a time of fellowship with the singers and their families. This is one reason why the Varsity Singers like coming to Providence; they appreciate the hospitality afterwards. If you are able, please bring a finger food to share.