



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the king of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first & I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old & declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a god besides me? There is no rock; I know not any."

All Glory Be to Christ

Song

Doxology

Song

Opening Prayer

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

Romans 7:15-24

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge & confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived & born in guilt & corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent & deplore our offenses!

Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us & bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death & resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REJOICING IN OUR FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Mighty to Save

Song

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving

Elder Bill Mlles

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Christ Our Wisdom

Song

HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

The Gospel According to Galatians

Galatians 2. 15-21

The Main Thing

Rev. Mark Fodale

And Can It Be

Song

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER

Jesus, Thank You

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 2. 11-21 (English Standard Version)

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

The Gospel According to Galatians
Galatians 2. 15-21
The Main Thing

I. The Heart of the Gospel (vs. 15-16)

A. The true gospel

Believe = salvation > obedience

B. The false gospel

Believe + obey = salvation

II. The Centrality of the Gospel (vs. 17-19)

But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not!

Galatians 2.17 (NIV)

A. The gospel's _____

B. The gospel's _____

III. The Power of the Gospel (vs. 20-21)

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3.3

SERMON QUOTES AND REFERENCES:

The genius of the divine way of salvation by faith is that we are personally, actively united to Jesus, but in a way that contributes nothing to His work. It is not faith that saves, but faith in Jesus Christ. In fact, it is not, strictly speaking, even faith **in** Christ that saves, but Christ who saves **through** faith. The saving power resides wholly & exclusively, not in the act of faith or the attitude of faith or in the nature of faith, but in the object of faith. In this sense, even though we are actively involved in faith, we are passive with respect to the accomplishing of justification. In the deepest sense, then, it is by grace that we are saved through faith, and that (*whether the grace, the faith, or the union of the two in justification*) is the gift of God; it is not of works, lest anyone should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

What we see, then, in the whole of salvation is that every single part is found in Christ. And so we must beware lest we derive even the smallest drop from somewhere else. And we should rejoice that, for those in Christ, all of who He is & accomplished is now theirs by faith.

Sinclair Ferguson, In Christ Alone

PROVIDENCE ACTIVITIES

January 5, 2025

Task Schedule	This Week	Next Week
Greeting Upper-Level.....	(8:15) Smith/J. Thompson.....	(8:15) Nowicki
.....	(11:00) Smith/J. Thompson	(11:00) Nowicki
Greeting Lower-Level.....	(8:15) Gehman/Weber.....	(8:15) Musselman
.....	(11:00) Gehman/Weber.....	(11:00) Van Camp
Coffee Fellowship Host	Fryauff.....	S. & B. Lacock
Nursery.....	(8:15) K. Landis.....	(8:15) M. Herring
.....	(11:00) B. Croll	(11:00). S. Fodale
Nursery Helper	(8:15) K. Landis/Addie W.	(8:15) A. Lacock/K. Farrar
.....	(11:00) D. Croll	(11:00) Dietz
Sound Booth.....	James F. (B) / Jonah F. (L).....	Isaac S. (B) / TBA (L)
Deacon of the Month.....	Jonathan Waltenbaugh.....	Jonathan Waltenbaugh

This Week:

- Sunday..... Jonathan’s Shepherding group meeting, 1 p.m. at Kuciembas.
..... 3D Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. at church
- Tuesday Ladies *Joshua* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
- Wednesday. Senior Sister’s Painting Event, 1:30 p.m. at church (please sign up) *
..... Stever’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. at their home in QT
- Thursday..... Ladies Evening *Joshua* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
..... Men’s *1 Thessalonians* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Saturday Stitches of Love, 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Bible Study Training Workshop Old Testament Prophets. Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m. to noon. Let’s spend the morning together learning how to study and facilitate a study on the O.T. Book of Amos. This study is for anyone interested in developing Bible Study Skills. Please bring a breakfast food to share. See Shannon Fodale with any questions.

Capital Campaign goal: \$56,000. Raised in 2024: \$18,725

***Senior Sister Painting Event:** Please let Sue Ribeiro know if you would like to attend the Painting event on Wednesday, led by Janet Stever. The cost is \$5.00 to Sue R. for supplies.

Jerusalem House: We are collecting gently used winter clothes for those in need both children and adults until January 18th. Please place your donations in a plastic bag and leave them under the lower foyer stairs. Thank you for your clothing donations; Jerusalem House greatly appreciates your generosity.