



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 4, 2025

Call to Worship

Psalm 25:8-10

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Arise, My Soul Arise

Hymn #305

Opening Prayer

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

Romans 13:7-10

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us & make us whole. Amen.

REJOICING IN OUR FORGIVENESS

Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

How Wonderful the Father's Love

Song

Jerusalem

Song

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving

Elder Roy VanCamp

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Lord, I Need You

Song

HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

The Gospel According to Ruth

Ruth 1

God's Hand in the Worst of Times

Rev. Mark Fodale

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #32

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER

Jesus Paid it All

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

Ruth 1 (ESV)

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to **return** from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to **return** to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, **return** each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will **return** with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "**Turn back**, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² **Turn back**, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has **gone back** to her people and to her gods; **return** after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to **return** from following you. For where you go I

will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the LORD has **brought me** back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

²² So Naomi **returned**, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who **returned** from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.



SERMON QUOTES & REFERENCES

If all you have is love for tradition, love for family, but you have no love for the Lord Jesus Christ Himself - you will surely turn back. You are the one, Jesus says, who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy, yet because you have no root in yourself, though you endure for a while, when tribulation or persecution or hardship arises on account the Word, immediately you fall away. Oh how we need to search our hearts in light of Orpah's turning back. Beware - the lure of Moab is strong. Be sure that your pilgrimage to the land of promise is not a temporary diversion from the broad road that leads to destruction. Do not be an almost-believer.

Charles Spurgeon

The Gospel According to Ruth
Ruth 1
God's Hand in the Worst of Times

I. The Worst of Times (vs. 1-5)

A. A troubled _____

*In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 21.25

B. A troubled _____

II. A Revealing Return (vs. 6-21)

A. Naomi – walking in _____

B. Orpah – walking by _____

C. Ruth – walking by _____

III. A New Beginning (v22)

... they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

PROVIDENCE ACTIVITIES

May 4, 2025

<u>Task Schedule</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeting Upper-Level.....	(8:15) Dietz/L. Hand	(8:15) Farrar
.....	(11:00) Dietz/Beatrice.....	(11:00) Farrar
Greeting Lower-Level.....	(8:15) Henderson	(8:15) Haldeman
.....	(11:00) Henderson	(11:00) Martin/Nagy
Coffee Fellowship Host	Musselman.....	Waltenbaugh
Nursery.....	(8:15) F. VanCamp.....	(8:15) Becca Godshall
	(11:00) B. Croll	(11:00) Bergey
Nursery Helper	(8:15) M. Kelsall/Abby K.....	(8:15) Alexander K./E. Lacock
.....	(11:00) S. McClure	(11:00) Dietz
Sound Booth.....	Paul K. (B) / Kristin K. (L)	Paul K. (B) / Nick H. (L)
Communion.....	Bob & Carol Lacock	
Deacon of the Month.....	Gary Stever	Gary Stever

This Week:

- Sunday..... B. & C. Lacock’s HFG, 12:45 p.m. at their home in Quakertown
..... Jonathan’s Shepherding Meeting, 1:00 p.m. at Kuciemba’s home
..... 3D Youth Group, 6:00 p.m. at church
- Tuesday Ladies *Amos* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
- Wednesday Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at church
- Thursday..... Co-ed Bible Study on the Book of Acts, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
..... Ladies Evening *Amos* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Saturday Sisters in the Scripture Training, 8:30 a.m. at church

Announcements:

Sisters in Scripture Training, May 10th at 8:30 a.m. at Providence. Join us for *Sisters in Scripture*, a one-day workshop where we’ll dive deep into Amos together through a rich blend of teaching and small group study! This interactive training is designed to equip women with practical tools for studying Scripture. Through guided instruction, group discussions, and gospel-centered reflection, we’ll learn to handle God’s Word with confidence and joy in our personal study. Come be encouraged, challenged, and refreshed in the Word alongside sisters in Christ! Please register on our church website or by using the QR code on the poster in the upper-level foyer. A donation is being accepted for those who would like to give towards the event.

Christ’s Cupboard is in need of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to restock their shelves before the May 17th outreach. If you are able to help, please place your items in the lower foyer on the cart under the stairway. Thank you! Any questions please see Gary or Janet Stever.

Change for Life begins next Sunday. May 11th and will end on June 15th. Baby bottles will be available next Sunday in the lower -level foyer near the stairs. Feel free to take a small bottle with you or if you prefer use the large bottle on the table for your coins, cash or check. See Mary Beatrice with any questions.

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