



# PROVIDENCE

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 28, 2025

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:9-11

*Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

***See What a Morning***

Song

***Psalm 8***

Song

Opening Prayer

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

Matthew 6:19-22, 24

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy & where thieves break in & steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys & where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also ... No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

**Heavenly Father, You have graciously gifted us with talents, resources & abilities. However, far too often we use them to build up our own kingdoms instead of Yours. We look to material goods & experiences to satisfy our hearts. We are far less generous with others than You have been to us.**

**Forgive us and cleanse our thoughts, words, and actions so that may speak & act more like Your Son, Jesus. We thank You for Your ongoing tender mercy. Help us to magnify Your name in word & deed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# REJOICING IN OUR FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 40:12-14

*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*

***Behold Our God***

Song

***What He's Done***

Song

Praying for Our Church

*Elder Steve Haldeman*

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***

Hymn #468

## HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

The Gospel According to Philippians

Philippians 4. 14-20

*True Gospel Partnership*

*Rev. Mark Fodale*

***Take My Life and Let it Be***

Hymn #585

Benediction

Philippians 1:9-11

*May your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

# SCRIPTURE READING

## Philippians 4. 10-20 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Gospel According to Philippians**  
**Philippians 4. 14-20**  
***True Gospel Partnership***

*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*  
2 Corinthians 8.9

**I. Our Part in Gospel Partnership**

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.* 1. 3-5

True gospel partnership involves both joyful \_\_\_\_\_ & eager \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. God's Perspective on Gospel Partnership**

*"... fragrant ... acceptable ... pleasing ..."*

**III. God's Promise to Gospel Partners**

*in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy & their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.*  
2 Corinthians 8. 2

This promise is for those who give \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of the gospel.

## SERMON QUOTES AND REFERENCES:

By describing the gift from the church in Philippi as a fragrant offering, Paul elevates their giving to the highest level, as sacrifices that are pleasing to God. Their giving can receive no higher value than this. They are a fragrant odor to God, they are acceptable sacrifices before God, and they are very pleasing to God.

*Walter Hansen, Philippians*

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

*“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”*

He who supplies seed to the sower & bread for food will supply & multiply your seed for sowing & increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way ...

*2 Cor. 9.6-11*

The apostle assures them that the liberal & cheerful giver will always have something to give. **God is able.** The sacred writers often appeal to the power of God as a ground of confidence for His people. This is done especially when we are called upon to believe something which is contrary to the natural course of things. Giving is, to the natural eye, the way to lessen our store, not to increase it. The Bible says it is the way to increase it. To believe this it is only necessary to believe in the power, providence, and promise of God. God is able to make the paradox, “he that scatters, increases,” prove true.

*Charles Hodge, Commentary on II Corinthians*

PROVIDENCE ACTIVITIES

September 28, 2025

| <u>Task Schedule</u>         | <u>This Week</u>                 | <u>Next Week</u>             |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Greeting Upper-Level .....   | (8:15) Haldeman .....            | (8:15) Fryauff               |
|                              | (11:00) Haldeman .....           | (11:00) Fryauff              |
| Greeting Lower-Level .....   | (8:15) M. Spies/Smith .....      | (8:15) Musselman             |
|                              | (11:00) McKenna.....             | (11:00) Musselman            |
| Coffee Fellowship Host ..... | Economopoulos .....              | Achenbach                    |
| Nursery.....                 | (8:15) Dimmick.....              | (8:15) A. Manyok/T. Jarratt  |
|                              | (11:00) B. Bergey.....           | (11:00) B. Croll             |
| Nursery Helper .....         | (8:15) Patti F. ....             | (8:15) Godshall              |
|                              | (11:00) K. McDonnell .....       | (11:00) D. Croll             |
| Sound Booth.....             | Paul K. (B) / Caleb M. (L) ..... | Paul K. (B) / Kristin K. (L) |
| Deacon of the Month .....    | Mark Opdycke.....                | Gary Stever                  |

**This Week:**

- Sunday..... Steve Haldeman’s Shepherding Meeting, 12:45, at the church  
..... Fryauff’s HFG, 4:00 pm, at their home in East Greenville
- Tuesday ..... Ladies *Luke* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church  
..... Men’s *Habakkuk* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at church
- Wednesday ..... Missions Team Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at church  
..... Stever’s HFG, 6:30 p.m. at their home in Quakertown
- Thursday..... Ladies *Luke* Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., at church
- Friday ..... Miles’ HFG, 7:00 p.m. at the Snyder’s Home in Quakertown
- Saturday ..... Ladies *Luke* Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., at church

**Announcements:**

This is our month to bless the clients at Crossroads Pregnancy Care with gift cards that will be used for gas and/or food as clients need them. The CPC requests \$10.00 Wawa or Giant gift cards. Please put your cash in an envelope marked “**CPC Gift Card Donation**” and place it in the collection plate or give it to Sue Wilsey directly. Sue will purchase the cards and deliver them to the CPC. **Today, Sunday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day to collect the donations.** Thank you for your generosity, the CPC really appreciates this blessing that helps their clients with some monetary needs. Thank you, Sue Wilsey.

**Harvest Party** – Save the Date – November 1, from 4-9 pm at Providence Pavilion. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Bethany Hand would love to hear from you if you are able to help or sign up on the SignUpGenius link in our Monday enews.