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Providence
Presbyterian Church

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Who is Providence?

Our Purpose: Providence Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples.

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Vision: Providence Presbyterian Church works to see every man, woman, and child in the world trusting Jesus Christ. To accomplish this we will **engage** in relationships with people who are new to us; **equip** each other to love and serve Jesus Christ; and **empower** one another to own and expand our ministries.

Welcome

We are happy you are worshiping with us today. If you are new to Providence, please fill out a visitor card located in the pockets on the chair backs or sign in using the pew pads. We also invite you to pick up a gift bag on the welcome table.

In Need of Prayer?

The office staff meets every Tuesday morning and prays for the needs of the church. If you would like prayer, please fill out a Prayer Card which can be found in the chair in front of you and place it in the offering plate or in the "Giving Box" to the left of the office door.

Children & Youth

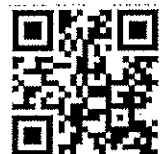
A nursery is available for infants and toddlers through 2 years of age during the worship service. Children's Church is also offered for children from 3 years of age through Kindergarten prior to the sermon. See an usher if you have any questions.

Hearing Assistance

If you have a hearing impairment and would like an assistive listening device, please ask one of the ushers.

E-giving

If you would like to give electronically, scan the QR code to the right:



Office Hours

The office is open Tuesday through Fridays, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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Order of Worship

"She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God,
even He who comes into the world."
-John 11:27

Gathering Song

Rose E'er Blooming

Lo how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem has sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came a floweret bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The virgin mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spend was the night

The shepherd heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright
How Christ the Lord of Glory
Was born on earth this night
To Bethlehem they sped
And in a manger found Him
As angel heralds said

This flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
True man yet very God
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

Welcome & Announcements

Darryl MacPherson

Lighting the Wise Men's Candle

Acts 1:6-8

⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6-10

LEADER: And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

ALL: And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Invocation and Confession of Sin

Declaration of Forgiveness

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Songs of Praise

Infant Holy Infant Lowly

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Good Christian Men Rejoice

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Go Tell It On The Mountain

F
Unison

(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

F *Dm* *F/C* *C7* *F Fine*

go, tell it on the moun-tain that Je-sus Christ is born.

F *C* *F* *C7* *Dm* *C* *F*

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, be-
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a-bove the earth rang
 3. Down in a low-ly man-ger our hum-ble Christ was born, and

C *F* *Gm* *G7* *C7* *D.C.*

hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸ then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,
According to Your word;

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² A light of revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."

Installation of Russ Denning

(2nd Service)

Congregational Prayer

Jay Hassinger

Offering Ourselves to God

Sleep Jesus Sleep

8:30 AM — Children ages 2-Middle School are now dismissed to Sunday School, if desired.
10:30 AM — Children ages 3-Kindergarten are now dismissed to Children's Church, if desired.

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¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ**, the Son of the living God."
-Matthew 16:13-16

Sermon Notes

I. I need a _____.

II. I need _____.

III. I need a _____.

Song of Commitment

Angels We Have Heard On High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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Updates & Information

Attendance (12.15.19)	
8:30 AM	41
10:30 AM	112
Sunday School	47

Financials (12.15.19)	
Weekly Giving	\$9,072.10
YTD Giving	\$403,995.52
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$403,639.42

Volunteers	This Sunday (12/22)	Next Sunday (12/29)
<i>Ushers — 8:30 AM 10:30 AM</i>	Tyler MacPherson Nathan Smith	Gary Petersen Nathan Smith
<i>Counters</i>	Tyler MacPherson Tim Bupp	Scott Wisner Gary Peresen
<i>Nursery — 8:30 AM</i>	Karen Montgomery Rick Ramage	TBD Tracia Hoffmaster
<i>Nursery — 10:30 AM</i>	Jeanie Richcreek Marlena MacPherson	Cindy Alleman Sarah Trask
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Darryl MacPherson	Darryl MacPherson

Please pray for...

Sister Church: Proclamation Presbyterain Mount Joy, Troy DeBruin
Missionaries: Gory & Grace Zubrod Pioneers
PPC Ministry: Nursery

Providence Prayer Concerns:

Nancy Beam, Dorothy Foster (Judy Jackson's cousin), Barb Hetrick (Nathan Schmuck's mom), Judy Jackson, Judy McCoy

Homebound Members:

Kenny Burke, Nancy Burnside, Bob Jury*, Sara Kerchner, Betty McClure,
 Betty Pinkernell, Lois Ruppert, Connie Shade, Margaret Turner, Don Weigle,
 Betty Zeigler

Meet Bob Jury: Bob Jury grew up in Newton Hamilton, PA. He served 3 yrs. in the U.S. Army after High School. Bob was employed by Westinghouse for 36 years, most of the time as Operations Manager, which allowed he and wife Mim to live in various places on the east coast until settling in York in 1985. PPC has been their church home since that time. The Jury's 53 years of marriage brought a son and a daughter and seven grandchildren. Despite pain and many complications due to diabetes, neuropathy, and arthritis which keeps Bob homebound, he and Mim (*caregiver with her own health issues*) have a vibrant and contagious faith in our Lord. Email ppc@yorkpca.org to add or remove your name from the prayer list or to receive prayer-chain emails.

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service



The evening before Christmas PPC will be having a special service filled with scripture reading and music. The service will be here at PPC Tuesday, Dec. 24th starting at 6:00 pm. Please invite friends and family as we celebrate Christ's birth and look forward to His coming again.

Thursday Night Prayer



Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no Thursday night prayer meeting at PPC this week. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2nd.

Congregational Meeting



The session is calling a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:30 service on December 29, 2019 to discuss a matter of church discipline.

White Rose Outreach



There is a donation box in the narthex for White Rose outreach. They provide toiletries and other basic necessities. Please see the list on the front of the box for items you can donate. Thank you!

CEC December Reading List

The Christian Education Committee is starting a reading list of books that support PPC's reformed theology. The recommendations are meant as a supplement to daily scripture reading, not a substitute. Each month 1-3 books will be highlighted in the weekly bulletin and on the church web site. The books will rotate each month. Purchasing the books will be up to the individual, not the church.

1. *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges. Holiness - being set apart unto God - is experienced as the Christian faithfully pursues God and God bless with deeper consecration. *The Pursuit of Holiness* will guide the reader in trusting God to produce holiness.

2. *Here I Stand* by Roland Bainton. A biography of Martin Luther that chronicles his movement from a dark religious outlook to his discovery of justification by faith alone. His joy and freedom was found in Christ.

3. *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* by R.C. Sproul. Theologically sound yet easy to understand explanations of Biblical truths.

Pastor's Sabbatical

One of the ways to invest in our pastor's long-term effectiveness is to provide sabbatical leave. The Old Testament provided for a series of sabbaticals (weekly, every seventh year, and the year of jubilee) recognizing the value of rest and refreshment. The principle found in the sabbatical structure may help pastors maintain their stamina and effectiveness in ministry. Rice University explains the sabbatical for tenured professors.

*"Members of the faculty in the tenure-track professorial ranks may be granted a sabbatical leave...**for the purposes of study, research, or other pursuit of value to the scholarly agenda of the faculty member and the University.** The object of these leaves is to enable faculty to increase their effectiveness in teaching and research and their usefulness to the University."*

When Providence called Pastor Wood in 2012, the congregation saw the value of providing 10 weeks of sabbatical leave after seven years of pastoral service. Pastor Wood tried to find ten weeks in a row when he could be away but with mission trips, General Assembly, etc. it became apparent that ten weeks in a row was not best for Providence. Therefore, he will take two five week sabbaticals in 2020. These sabbaticals will be *"for the purposes of study, research, or other pursuit of value"* to the pastoral ministry of Pastor Wood and the ministry objectives of Providence.

Vince and Robin will be gone from December 30, 2019-February 3, 2020. During this first sabbatical, Pastor Wood will be writing a Abusers' Intervention curriculum for Refuge Ministries. He and Robin will also be resting and visiting some of Providence's members and missionaries. They will be in Florida for the first few weeks and then completing the writing in York. Michael Rogers, Darryl MacPherson, Al Taglieri, Noah Trask, and Jim Tyson will preach during this time.

After worship on April 26, Vince and Robin will fly to Zimbabwe to visit the McMahan's. They will take Mike and Robin on a retreat and invest in their ministry. This will also provide an opportunity for further ministry within the Presbytery of Bullawayo—Lennon Mazonde's denomination. The Woods will then travel to France to make contact with missionaries Providence supports. They hope to visit the Foucachons, Gildards, Swansons, and Aleah Zubrod. This trip will also provide some time for reflection and reading. Our preachers in May will be, Jim Tyson, David Cross, Darryl, Noah, and Al.

Please pray for this time for Providence and the Woods. Vince refuses to treat the sabbaticals as extended vacations. He wishes to grow, focus on new areas, and return sharper than before.

Missionaries We Support

Providence Presbyterian Church is blessed to be able to support both financially and prayerfully the following missionaries and ministries:

Worldwide Missionaries:

- ◆ Chuck & Barbara A. (MTW)*
- ◆ Dean & Kyria B. (MTW)
- ◆ Craig & Ree Coulbourne (MTW)
- ◆ Phil & Barb D. (MTW)
- ◆ Jamie & Jacki Gildard (MTW)
- ◆ Rob & Jenny Ilderton (MTW)
- ◆ Samy & Carol Foucachon
(Global Outreach Mission)
- ◆ Tim & Barbara Yates (Friends
of Chinese Reformed)
- ◆ Gordy & Grace Z. (Pioneers)

National Missionaries:

- ◆ Trip & Joy Beans, Reformed University Fellowship, Millersville University
- ◆ Cam Smith, Reformed University Fellowship, Penn State
- ◆ Richard Smith, RUF—International, Penn State
- ◆ Chris & Rebecca Knaebel, Mission to North America, Sarasota, FL
- ◆ Chuck & Nancy Snyder, Deaf Reformed Ministries, York, PA

Local Ministries:

- ◆ Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
- ◆ Human Life Services
- ◆ New Hope Ministries
- ◆ New Life for Girls
- ◆ Search Ministries
- ◆ LifePath Ministries

If you want to know more about our missionaries, detailed information and recent prayer letters can be found at the missionary kiosk. Pre-addressed and stamped cards are also available. Pick one up and send a cheerful note to a missionary today!



Ministry to Missionaries: Vince & Robin Wood minister to Michael & Robin McMahan, their assigned overseas MTW missionary family serving in Africa. Providence supports this vitally important work that Vince and Robin do and appreciate your prayers for the McMahans.

* *MTW—Mission to the World, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America.*

Winter Sunday School (12/1~2/23)

The Book of Acts: Beginning December 1 the adult Sunday school will be studying the New Testament book of Acts. The unique commentary, *Acts: a Visual Guide*, will set the stage for each week's lesson. **Acts** is the divinely inspired history of early church. As Calvin says, "The things that Luke sets down for our instruction are great things and of extraordinary benefit. At the beginning when he reports that the Holy Spirit was sent to the apostles, he not only confirms that Christ was true to the promises he made, but he teaches that he also remembers his own and is the perpetual governor of his church, because the Holy Spirit has descended for that purpose. From this we learn that spatial distance does not prevent Christ from being always present with his own as he promised." **Acts**, Calvin says, is "a kind of vast treasure."

Youth Sunday School — Classes are offered for all children from age 2 through middle school. See Darryl if you have questions.

Small Groups and Bible Studies at Providence

Bulletin Folders—Contact Larry at lmhughes155@msn.com

East York Home Fellowship—Contact Sue at spalmer85@gmail.com

Grandview at Shiloh Small Group—Contact George at geobon@comcast.net

Ladies Bible Study—Contact Shannon at shannonhawk@comcast.net

Men's Bible Study/Breakfast—Contact Chris at (717) 880-2441

Prayer Group—Contact Nancy at nedickey@juno.com

Saginaw Fellowship—Contact Nancy at nedickey@juno.com

Shiloh Family Community Group—Contact Jamilah at jamilahgregory@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study—Contact Kathy at kathyhassinger@gmail.com

Young Adults Small Group—Contact Noah at ntrask@yorkpca.org

Young Men's Mid-High School Bible Study—Contact Noah at ntrask@yorkpca.org

Young Women's Mid-High School Bible Study—Contact Sarah at sarah.coutts94@gmail.com

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Deacons—John Burnsworth, Doug Dickey (Treasurer), Tyler MacPherson, Gary Petersen, Nathan Smith

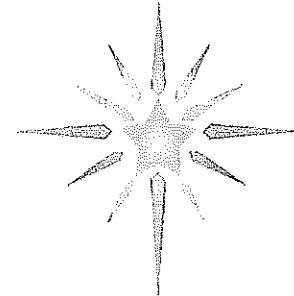
This Week at Providence

Sunday, December 22

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Women's Design for Discipleship Group
- 6:00 PM C.R.E.W. Youth group

Monday, December 23

- 6:30 PM Young Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Young Women's Bible Study



Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day!



Sunday, December 29

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Women's Design for Discipleship Group
- 6:00 PM C.R.E.W. Youth group