

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 ESV



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
Who mourn and long for comfort;
Who struggle and desire hope;
Who sin and need a savior;
Who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
Who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whoever will come...

This church opens wide her doors and offers Welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ



# **Upcoming Events**

#### • March

2<sup>nd</sup> Communion

CE/SS

Potluck

Evening video service 5p

5<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 7p

9th Morning worship

CE/SS

Evening video service 5p

12th Bible Study 7p

16th Communion

CE/SS

Evening video service 5p

# Serving in the Church

Under construction-please be patient!

Greeter		Kitchen		Sound	
$2^{\rm nd}$	Kristi W. & Lizzy W.	March	Buskirk	$2^{\rm nd}$	Calvin W.

Usher		Snack	Nursery	
$2^{\rm nd}$	Brad B. & Joshua W.	$23^{ m rd}$	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jennifer C. Haley B. Brianna B	

# Family Worship Guide

#### Daily Bible Readings (chronological)

Sunday, Mar 2: Numbers 16-17

Monday, Mar 3: Numbers 18-20

Tuesday, Mar 4: Numbers 21-22

Wednesday, Mar 5: Numbers 23-25

Thursday, Mar 6: Numbers 26-27

Friday, Mar 7: Numbers 28-30

Saturday, Mar 8: Numbers 31-32

#### Prayer

Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.

Monday, Pray for our sister church, Christ Church Presbyterian in Irvine.

Tuesday, Pray for our Missionaries as they proclaim the gospel.

Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.

Thursday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.

Friday, Pray that God would equip and protect the elders and deacons.

Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacons of PPC, and for Sunday's worship service.

# Receiving the Lord's Supper

# Westminster Larger Catechism

**Question 174:** What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the time of the administration of it?

Answer: It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fulness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

# **Preparation for Worship**

#### About the Lord's Supper

At Providence Presbyterian Church, we celebrate the Lord's Supper (what some churches call the "Eucharist" or "Holy Communion") on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The Ruling Elders of our church assist in the distribution of the elements of the Supper as a visible manifestation of their pastoral care of the flock.

The biblical teaching on the nature of the sacraments my be epitomized as follows: God's sacraments or covenant signs/seals are 'visible words' (Augustine). In them we see with our eyes the promise of God. Indeed, in the sacraments we see, smell, touch and taste the word. In the public reading and preaching of Scripture, God addresses our mind and conscience through the hearing. In the sacraments, He uniquely addresses our mind and conscience through the other senses. In, through and to the senses, God's promise is made tangible. A sacrament is a covenant sign and seal, which means it reminds us and assures us of a promise. That is, it points to and confirms a gracious promise of God to His people. Hence, the weakness, the frailty of human faith welcomes this gracious act of reassurance. The sacraments are by nature supplemental to and confirmatory of the promises held out in the word, and the grace conveyed by them is the same grace held out via the means of preaching. The sacraments are efficacious for the elect and the elect only, since their benefits are sanctificational (that is, the Lord's Supper doesn't 'save' us, it grows us) and received by faith. In the Lord's Supper, the Christian, by faith, experiences true communion with Christ and all His benefits.

You don't need to work to make Christianity controversial. Just read sentences from the Bible.

~John Piper (1946- )

#### Notes on Worship

**Benediction:** The benediction is the blessing of God upon His people as they go once more into the world, equipped by the gospel to live as children of God, prepared to be salt and light in this present evil age.

# The Public Worship of God

March 2, 2014; 9:30am

# Prayer for Illumination

#### \* Greeting

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;

People: Amen!

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His;

Leader: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Amen!

- \* Blessing
- \* Call to Worship

Psalm 19 (Trinity Hymnal p. 790)

\* Song of Adoration

Hymn 7 -- From All That Dwell Below The Skies

\* Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments

# Summary of the Law

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

# Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord, we miserable sinners come before you and acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment.

People: We confess that we have neglected and abused your holy worship, your holy name, and your holy day. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors, not loving them as ourselves.

Leader: O Lord, have compassion on us in our infirmities. Be pleased to have compassion on us for the sake of Your Son.

All: Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

# <u>Assurance of Forgiveness</u>

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Congregational Response

Hymn 463 -- A Debtor To Mercy Alone

#### Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 846)

## Tithes and Offerings

# Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

# \* Doxology (Trinity Hymnal 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# \* Lord's Prayer

# \* Reading of Scripture

1 Timothy 3 -- Qualifications for elders (cf. Titus 1:5-7; Acts 20:17) and deacons

#### Psalm of the Month

Psalm 24 -- (bulletin)

Children ages five and under may be dismissed to the nursery.

# Pastoral Prayer

# Proclamation of the Word

Luke 16:19-31 -- The Rich man and Lazarus-- Pastor Clayton Willis

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

# \* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 705 -- I Know Whom I Have Believed

- \* Benediction
- \* Congregational Amens (Trinity Hymnal 740)





- 4. <sup>7</sup>O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
  The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
  - <sup>8</sup>O who is the King that in glory draws near? The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!
- O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
   The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
   This great King of glory, O who can He be?
   The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is He!

# Sermon Notes

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# Session (elders)

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<sup>\*</sup> child is this age by Sept. 1

PPC Giving: January			
Giving	\$13,083.17		
Expenses	\$14,280.12		
	-\$1,196.95		



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Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.

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