

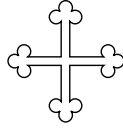


PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(PCA)

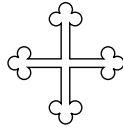
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

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

• April

- 7th Communion; Sunday School/ CE
PPC Dedication Service 5p at PPC
- 10th Bible Study 7p at PPC
- 14th Morning worship; Sunday School/ CE
Evening Service 6p at PPC
- 17th Bible Study 7p at PPC
- 21st Communion; Sunday School/ CE
Evening Service 6p at PPC

See our online calendar at

<http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html>

Serving in the Church

Snacks

- April
 - 7th R. Gustafson &
 - 14th S. Gustafson & Carron
 - 21st Mattox & Sutherland
 - 28th Dunn &

Nursery

- April
 - 7th Michelle M. & Ali W.
 - 14th Karen O. & Vivien W.
 - 21st Adriana M. & Brianna B.
 - 28th Kari S. & Lizzy W.

Greeters

- April
 - 7th
 - 14th Russ O. & Kristi W.
 - 21st
 - 28th Mary C. & Virginia S.

Ushers

- April
 - 7th Jayson B. & Calvin W.
 - 14th Joshua W.
 - 21st Jayson B. & Calvin W.
 - 28th Joshua W.

Family Worship Guide

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, April 7: Deut 18-20;	Psalm 89:30-52;	Acts 13
Monday, April 8: Deut 21-22;	Psalm 90;	Acts 14
Tuesday, April 9: Deut 23-24;	Psalm 91;	Acts 15
Wednesday, April 10: Deut 25-27;	Psalm 92;	Acts 16
Thursday, April 11: Deut 28;	Psalm 93;	Acts 17
Friday, April 12: Deut 29-30;	Psalm 94;	Acts 18
Saturday, April 13: Deut 31-32;	Psalm 95;	Acts 19

Prayer

- Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.
- Monday, Pray for our sister church, Christ Presbyterian, in Temecula.
- Tuesday, Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim the gospel around the world.
- 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 raise up elders and deacons in the congregation.
- Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacon 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 2nd and 4th 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 may 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.

We do not stand before God in our own righteousness, but in the perfect, spotless, and matchless righteousness of the Lord Jesus.

~Thomas Brooks
(1608-1680)

Notes on Worship

- **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** Overjoyed by the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed to us in God's word, we respond together in song. We hear God's voice, and we answer in turn, singing His praises, singing about the wonder and majesty of a God who would have mercy on His rebellious creatures! This morning, we respond by singing "A Debtor To Mercy Alone," remembering that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

The Public Worship of God

April 7, 2013; 9:30am

Prayer for Illumination

* Greeting

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

Congregation: Amen!

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

Congregation: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

Congregation: Tell of His salvation from day to day. Amen!

* Blessing

* Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-56 (Trinity Hymnal p. 829)

* 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 not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Congregational Response

Hymn 463 -- A Debtor To Mercy Alone

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 846)

Tithes and Offerings

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. Our church depends upon the generous gifts of those who partner with us in seeking to pursue Christ in their lives.

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

2 Corinthians 4 -- The gospel of the glory of Christ is contrasted with the "earthen vessels" (KJV) through which it is communicated.

Psalm of the Month

Psalm 61 -- (bulletin)

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

Pastoral Prayer

Proclamation of the Word

Luke 11:27-28 -- *True Blessedness* -- *Pastor Clayton Willis*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 693 -- Blessed Assurance

* Benediction

* Congregational Amens



* Please stand if you are able

Psalm 61

1. ¹ O God, hear my cry, give heed to my prayer.
 2. ³ For You've al - ways been a ref - uge for me,
 3. ⁵ For, God, You have heard the vows that I made;
 4. ⁷ Be - fore God he'll sit, en - throned he'll en - dure;

² From earth's far - thest end I call to You there,
 A tow - er of strength from each en - e - my.
 I'm heir now with all those fear - ing Your name.
 Give Your love and truth to make him se - cure.

When my heart grows faint, it is then that I cry;
⁴ O let me for - ev - er in Your tent a - bide,
⁶ The king's life You'll length - en, pro - long - ing his days;
⁸ So I will for - ev - er to Your name sing praise,

Lead me to the rock that is high - er than I.
 And un - der Your shel - ter - ing wings let me hide.
 His years will be ma - ny from age un - to age.
 That I may my vows pay through - out all my days.

Sermon Notes

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