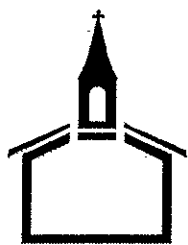


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Providence
Presbyterian Church

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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

“And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,”
-1 Peter 1:8

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, You are my God;

I shall seek You earnestly;

My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,

In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,

To see Your power and Your glory.

Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,

My lips will praise You.

So I will bless You as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands in Your name.

My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness,

And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

When I remember You on my bed,

I meditate on You in the night watches,

For You have been my help,

And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to You;

Your right hand upholds me.

Invocation and Confession of Sin

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24-25

“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”

Songs of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

Capo 3: Γ F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) 7

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

Gm(Em) C(A)

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
 the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

C⁷(A⁷)

His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing,

F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) G⁷(E⁷) C(A)

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,

F(D) Gm(Em) C(A)

'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,
 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing

F(D) B^b(G) F(D) C⁷(A⁷) F(D) 7

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

As The Deer

C G/B Am F G C G

As the deer pan - teth for the wa - ter so my soul long - eth af - ter Thee.
 You're my friend and You are my bro - ther ev - en though You are a king.
 I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly You can sa - tis - fy.

5 C G/B Am F G C

You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re and I long to wor - ship Thee.
 I love You more than a - ny oth - er so much more than a - ny - thing.
 You a - lone are the real joy gi - ver and the ap - ple of my eye.

9 Am F C F Dm Em

You a - lone are my strength my shield. To You a - lone may my spi - rit yield.

13 C G/B Am F G C G

You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re and I long to wor - ship Thee.

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-10

¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Congregational Prayer

Jay Hassinger

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Offering Ourselves to God

Sing Joy (Hallelujah)

I am alive
Though once dead and in darkness
You breathed Your Spirit in me
I'm in Your sight
Though once blinded and wandering
You opened my eyes, now I see

I'm amazed at the fullness of love
That You pour every day over me

So fill me up with joy and praise
You are good in all Your ways
I will sing for all my days
Hallelujah, hallelujah

I'm white as snow
Though once filthy and tainted
You made me purer than gold
I'm free to grow
Like a tree by the river
You feed and nourish my soul

I'm amazed at the fullness of love
That You pour every day over me
I'll sing praises and dance for Your glory
There's no other way it should be

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.

Sermon

Dr. Vincent Wood

¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” -Romans 15:13

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Commitment

More Love To Thee O Christ

More love to thee O Christ
More love to thee
Hear now the prayer I make
On bended knee

This is my earnest plea
More love O Christ to thee
More love to thee
More love to thee

Benediction

Romans 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Updates & Information

Attendance (12.22.19)	
8:30 AM	
10:30 AM	
Sunday School	

Financials (12.22.19)	
Weekly Giving	
YTD Giving	
YTD Budgeted Expenses	

Volunteers	This Sunday (12/29)	Next Sunday (1/5)
<i>Ushers — 8:30 AM 10:30 AM</i>	Gary Petersen Nathan Smith	Gary Petersen Scott Wisner
<i>Counters</i>	Scott Wisner Gary Peresen	TBD TBD
<i>Nursery — 8:30 AM</i>	TBD Tracia Hoffmaster	TBD TBD
<i>Nursery — 10:30 AM</i>	Cindy Alleman Sarah Trask	TBD TBD
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Darryl MacPherson	Darryl MacPherson

Please pray for...

Sister Church: Bethany Presbyterian Oxfor, Mark Matthews
Missionaries: Trip & Joy Beans RUF, Millersville
PPC Ministry: Offering Counters & Ushers

Providence Prayer Concerns:

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

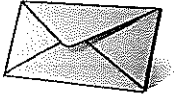
Homebound Members:

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

Giving Envelopes



2020 Giving Envelopes are on the table under the mail slots. Please pick up yours today. If there are no envelopes with your name, please contact the church office and we will set a box out for you. Thank you!

Thursday Prayer Group



The Thursday Evening Prayer Group will be meeting again starting January 2nd. Feel free to come by PPC at 6:30pm for a time of gathering in prayer. Any and all are invited!

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. Keep an eye out for a new list next week! 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 McMahans. 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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Contacts

Elders—Tim Alleman, Jon Burke, Russ Denning, Jay Hassinger, Darryl MacPherson, Dennis Ohme, Rick Ramage.

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

This Week at Providence

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

Monday, December 30

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

Wednesday, January 1

- 9:30 AM Helping Hands
- 6:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
- 7:00 PM Music Team Practice

Thursday, January 2

- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Small Group

Friday, January 3

- 8:30 AM Bulletin Folders

Sunday, January 5

- 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