

Providence Presbyterian Church

“KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN”



October 18, 2020

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Home Liturgy

The Invitation

Psalms 33:5

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Moment of Quiet

Prayer

- Pray for a yearning to know God and the diligence to seek him.
- Pray for a love of and commitment to the communities that God has placed us.
- Pray for family members and friends that don't know the Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:1–17

[1] I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. [2] I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" [3] I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. [4] I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. [5] I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. [6] I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. [7] I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. [8] I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

[9] So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. [10] And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. [11] Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

[12] So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. [13] Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. [14] The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. [15] Then I said in my heart, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?" And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. [16] For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all

will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! [17] So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind. (ESV)

New Testament Reading

John 4:1–26

[1] Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John [2] (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), [3] he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. [4] And he had to pass through Samaria. [5] So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6] Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

[7] A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." [8] (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) [9] The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) [10] Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." [11] The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? [12] Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." [13] Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, [14] but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." [15] The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

[16] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." [17] The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; [18] for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." [19] The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. [20] Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." [21] Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [22] You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." [25] The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." [26] Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." (ESV)

Hymns and Songs

If you have the ability to play an instrument, play a few songs and sing to the Lord.
Or if you can just play some music, pick 1, 2, or even 3 songs and sing to the Lord.
Or if you are using our online video, you can begin with music there.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confession of Sin

From the Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry
and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Brothers and sisters, by the command of Christ and the power of his promises, we are forgiven.

Devotional of Sermon

Prayer

God of truth, I don't like to face the sin that is in me- its ugly and frightening. But avoiding it only gets me tangled deeper in deception. So give me the courage to take an honest look at myself and may that honesty make me long for your salvation that sets me free from this body of death. In Christ's name, Amen.

Blessing

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

Weekly Calendar, Prayer Guide, and Events

Scripture Readings for the week:

Deuteronomy 18-21; 22-26; 27-28;
29-31; 32-34

Missionary Family: Roger and Abi Lowther

Prayer Family: Geneva Valadie

Sister Church: Pickens Presbyterian Church

Elder on Call: John Spears

Deacon on Duty: John Turbeville

Sunday:

Choir Practice - 4:15
Discover Providence - 4:30
Evening Worship - 6:00

Tuesday

Men's Prayer - 6:45am
Session Meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday:

Youth Group - 6pm

Thursday:

Ladies' Prayer

Sick, Surgeries, and Recovering

- Pray for Dot Rosamond as she continues to regain her strength.
- Pray for Janie Melton as she is struggling with poor health and lack of strength.
- Pray for Kelsey Govero during her pregnancy.
- Prayers are needed for Deborah Montgomery, the daughter of Inez Burris, as she continues her battle against cancer.
- Pray for Allen Stanton, pastor of Pinehaven Presbyterian in Clinton.
- Pray for Coach Glidewell of Mt Salus Christian School, as his father as he is dealing with some serious health issues.

Announcements

Circle One

We will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 10am. Read Chapter 7 "Kitchen Service".

To encourage social distancing, we will meet on the patio outside the narthex.

Harvest Carnival

Mark your calendars for our annual Harvest Carnival on the grounds of the church. On October 24th at 4:30pm, the church will be hosting a fun-filled evening of smores, an inflatable bouncy house, an obstacle course, a hay ride, and more. All are encouraged to wear costumes. We will have a pre-packaged hamburger or hotdogs at 6:00.

We are accepting candy donations in the Narthex.

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