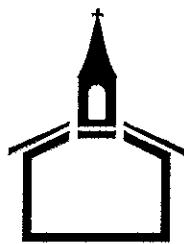


*I show you a still more excellent way...*

**LOVE**

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December 1, 2019



**Providence**  
**Presbyterian Church**

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## Who is Providence?

**Our Purpose:** Providence Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples.

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> 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

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.  
*-Colossians 1:16-17*

### **Gathering Song**

Walk and Stand

You're the firstborn of creation  
And creator of the world  
You hold all your works together perfectly  
You're the ruler of the heavens  
The commander of the seas  
But you lived on earth a mortal for me

I was once lost in rebellion  
Separated and alone  
But You stretched your arms out wide accepted me  
I've had every sin forgiven  
And my soul has been redeemed  
Through Your blood You brought me in your family

And I will spend the rest of forever knowing You  
Give me wisdom, give me faith  
I submit the rest of my life to follow You  
Give me strength to walk and stand

I was sinful, an enemy  
Enslaved by death, a wretched man  
But then You died and shed Your blood for me  
Now I've been declared holy and free

You're the firstborn of creation  
And creator of the world  
But You stretched your arms out wide accepted me  
You're the ruler of the heavens  
The commander of the seas  
Through Your blood You brought me in your family

## Welcome & Announcements

Darryl MacPherson

## Lighting the Prophecy Candle

Matthew 24:30-31

<sup>30</sup> And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

## Responsive Call to Worship

John 1:1-5, 12-14

In the beginning was the Word,  
*and the Word was with God,*  
and the Word was God.

*He was in the beginning with God.*

All things came into being through Him,

*and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

In Him was life,

*and the life was the Light of men.*

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

*But as many as received Him,*

to them He gave the right to become children of God,

*even to those who believe in His name,*

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

*And the Word became flesh,*

and dwelt among us,

*and we saw His glory,*

glory as of the only begotten from the Father,

*full of grace and truth.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:25-27

“<sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Songs of Praise

O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

# Joy To The World

♩ D A<sup>7</sup> D G A

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

D 7

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

A

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

♩ D D/A A<sup>7</sup> and D 7

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Congregational Prayer

Jay Hassinger

### Offering Ourselves to God

I Celebrate the Day

And with this Christmas wish I missed  
The point I could convey  
If only I could find the words  
To say to let You know  
How much You've touched my life

Because here is where You're finding me  
In the exact same place as New Year's Eve  
And from a lack of my persistency  
We're less than half as close as I want to be

The first time that You opened Your eyes  
Did You realize that You would be my Savior  
And the first breath that left Your lips  
Did You know that it would change this world forever

And so this Christmas I'll compare  
The things I felt in prior years  
To what this midnight made so clear  
But You have come to meet me here

To look back and think that  
This baby would one day save me  
And the hope that that You give  
That You were born so I might really live  
To look back and think that  
This baby would one day save me

And I celebrate the day  
That You were born to die  
So I could one day pray for You to save my life

*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.*

<sup>13</sup> 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?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
*-Matthew 16:13-16*

**Sermon Notes**

I. I \_\_\_\_\_.

A. I need a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

B. I need \_\_\_\_\_.

II. I will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:30)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_.



## 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

Psalm 73:25-28

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. <sup>27</sup> For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You. <sup>28</sup> But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

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## Updates & Information

<b>Attendance (10.27.19)</b>	
8:30 AM	44
10:30 AM	N/A
Sunday School	37

<b>Financials (10.27.19)</b>	
Weekly Giving	\$6,196.36
YTD Giving	\$380,132.27
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$379,421.06

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday (12/1)</b>	<b>Next Sunday (12/8)</b>
<i>Ushers — 8:30 AM 10:30 AM</i>	Robert Krebs Mark Montgomery	Bob Krebs Charlie Richcreek
<i>Counters</i>	Doug Dickey Charlie Richcreek	TBD Lauren Brewster
<i>Nursery — 8:30 AM</i>	Go to <a href="https://ttsu.me/zb9apw">https://ttsu.me/zb9apw</a> To sign up	Lauri Brady TBD
<i>Nursery — 10:30 AM</i>	Marybeth Taglieri Kelly Boatwright	Ben Hassinger Caitlyn Craig
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Jamie Menges	Jon & Lisa Burke

**Please pray for...**

*Sister Church:* New Life Presbyterian York, Erik Swanson  
*Missionaries:* Samy & Carol Foucachon Global Outreach Mission, France  
*PPC Ministry:* Children's Worship

**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](mailto:ppc@yorkpca.org) to add or remove your name from the prayer list or to receive prayer-chain emails.

# Announcements

## **Winter Art Expo**



Do you have a knack for or simply enjoy art? PPC will be having its second art show this year on December 7th from 2 to 5pm! Please email Patrick at [ppc@yorkpca.org](mailto:ppc@yorkpca.org) by November 30th if you would like to reserve a spot for your art or if you have any questions.

## **Young at Hearts Luncheon**



PPC's Young at Hearts group will be having a luncheon Wednesday, December 11th here at the church at noon. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.

## **Congregational Meeting**



The session of PPC is calling for a congregational meeting today immediately following the 10:30 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2020 budget, to approve the pastor's salary package for 2020, and to vote on Russ Denning's nomination for a second term on the session. Feel free to grab a copy of the proposed budget from the narthex so you can look it over and be familiar with it before the meeting on the 1st.

## **Message from Lifetouch**



We recently had a Lifetouch photography event. If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent back to PPC for pickup, the photographs are now located under the bulletin board for you. If your portrait is not there, it means it will be coming in a future shipment.

## **Missionary Assistance**



A missionary family will be on home leave from December 21st through December 30th and are in need of a vehicle to use for that time. Please let Ken Baskette ([kazken77@gmail.com](mailto:kazken77@gmail.com)) or Kimberly Hendricks ([kimhendricks1976@yahoo.com](mailto:kimhendricks1976@yahoo.com)) know if you are able to help with this request.

# Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order Christmas poinsettias for this season's Christmas Eve service. Due to some staffing changes here at PPC, this process has started a little later this year. Please use the insert to make your specific order. This does need to be done quickly so that we can be sure to secure the right number of flowers before Christmas. After filling out the order form either on the insert or at the bottom of this page, please turn it in to the main office via the mail slot to the left of the office door.

The flowers themselves are \$10.00 each and are already planted in six-inch pots. The flowers will be used for decoration during our Christmas Eve service, but can be picked up and brought home immediately after that service. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact the church office at (717)767-4772 or email [ppc@yorkpca.org](mailto:ppc@yorkpca.org).

## Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

*It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias "in honor" or "in memory" of a friend or loved one. They are \$10.00 each and come in six-inch pots. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary at our Christmas Eve service, and can be picked up afterwards. For more information, contact the church office at 767-4772 or [ppc@yorkpca.org](mailto:ppc@yorkpca.org). Deadline to order is December 2nd.*

Circle One:                      In Honor Of                      or                      In Memory Of

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please select below the number of each poinsettia you'd like to order:*

Red \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_

Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Jingle Bells \_\_\_\_\_

# 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](mailto:lmhughes155@msn.com)

*East York Home Fellowship*—Contact Sue at [spalmer85@gmail.com](mailto:spalmer85@gmail.com)

*Grandview at Shiloh Small Group*—Contact George at [geobon@comcast.net](mailto:geobon@comcast.net)

*Ladies Bible Study*—Contact Shannon at [shannonhawk@comcast.net](mailto:shannonhawk@comcast.net)

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

*Prayer Group*—Contact Nancy at [nedickey@juno.com](mailto:nedickey@juno.com)

*Saginaw Fellowship*—Contact Nancy at [nedickey@juno.com](mailto:nedickey@juno.com)

*Shiloh Family Community Group*—Contact Jamilah at [jamilahgregory@gmail.com](mailto:jamilahgregory@gmail.com)

*Women's Bible Study*—Contact Kathy at [kathyhassinger@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhassinger@gmail.com)

*Young Adults Small Group*—Contact Noah at [ntrask@yorkpca.org](mailto:ntrask@yorkpca.org)

*Young Men's Mid-High School Bible Study*—Contact Noah at [ntrask@yorkpca.org](mailto:ntrask@yorkpca.org)

*Young Women's Mid-High School Bible Study*—Contact Sarah at [sarah.coutts94@gmail.com](mailto: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 1**

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Women's Design for Discipleship Group

## **Monday, December 2**

- 6:30 PM Young Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Young Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Grandview at Shiloh

## **Tuesday, December 3**

- 7:00 PM East York Home Fellowship

## **Wednesday, December 4**

- 9:30 AM Helping Hands
- 7:00 PM Music Team Practice

## **Thursday, December 5**

- 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Round the Clock Diner near rte. 30)
- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Small Group

## **Friday, December 6**

- 8:30 AM Bulletin Folders

## **Saturday, December 7**

- 2:00 PM Art Show

## **Sunday, December 8**

- 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