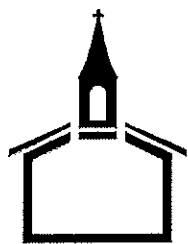


*I show you a still more excellent way...*

**LOVE**

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December 8, 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

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."  
-Revelation 4:11

## **Gathering Song**

## Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

## Welcome & Announcements

Darryl MacPherson

## Lighting the Bethlehem Candle

Matthew 28:18-20

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## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

"I love You, O Lord, my strength."

***The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,***

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;

***My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.***

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

***And I am saved from my enemies.***

## Invocation and Confession of Sin

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 1:3

<sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

Songs of Praise

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem- pla- tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend- ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,  
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir- it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro- claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tie - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

# Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

**REFRAIN**  
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## Congregational Prayer

Dennis Ohme

## Offering Ourselves to God

All For Love's Sake

*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.*

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<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*

<sup>36</sup> At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word.

<sup>37</sup> "Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again."  
*-1 Kings 18:36-37*

**Sermon Notes**

I. I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ God.

B. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

II. I will pray for a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. I can find \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

B. I will \_\_\_\_\_ in others.

III. I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. I want \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. People need \_\_\_\_\_.

# Song of Commitment

As With Gladness Men Of Old

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loys,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

## Updates & Information

<b>Attendance (12.1.19)</b>	
8:30 AM	29
10:30 AM	116
Sunday School	N/A

<b>Financials (12.1.19)</b>	
Weekly Giving	\$7,305.10
YTD Giving	\$387,437.37
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$387,493.85

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>This Sunday (12/8)</b>	<b>Next Sunday (12/15)</b>
<i>Ushers — 8:30 AM 10:30 AM</i>	Bob Krebs Charlie Richcreek	Tyler MacPherson Charlie Richcreek
<i>Counters</i>	TBD Loren Brewster	Jerry Reath Paul Oles
<i>Nursery — 8:30 AM</i>	Lauri Brady TBD	Tracia Hoffmaster Margaret Ramage
<i>Nursery — 10:30 AM</i>	Ben Hassinger Caitlyn Craig	Beth Burnsworth Jamie Menges
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Jon & Lisa Burke	Tim & Cindy Alleman

### **Please pray for...**

*Sister Church:* Hershey Presbyterian Hershey, David Kertland  
*Missionaries:* Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals  
*PPC Ministry:* Helping Hands

### **Providence Prayer Concerns:**

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

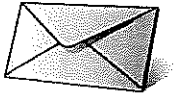
### **Homebound Members:**

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

## **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!

## **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.

## **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) or Kimberly Hendricks (kimhendricks1976@yahoo.com) know if you are able to help with this request.

# 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. 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](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)

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

## This Week at Providence

### **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

### **Monday, December 9**

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

### **Tuesday, December 10**

- 7:00 PM      Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 11**

- 9:30 AM      Helping Hands
- 12:00 PM     Young at Hearts Luncheon
- 7:00 PM      Music Team Practice

### **Thursday, December 12**

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

### **Friday, December 13**

- 8:30 AM      Bulletin Folders
- 7:00 PM      Women's Study Ligonier Prayer

### **Sunday, December 15**

- 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