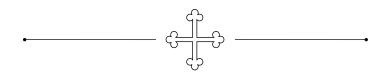




Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer. Psalm 19:14 ESV



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

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## **Upcoming Events**

## • January

$5^{\text{th}}$	Communion SS/CE
	Potluck (after SS/CE)
	Evening video service 6p
$8^{\text{th}}$	Bible Study 7p
$12^{th}$	Morning worship
	CE / SS
	Evening video service 6p
$15^{\text{th}}$	Bible Study 7p
19 <sup>th</sup>	Communion
	SS/CE
	Evening video service 6p
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study 7p

See our online calendar at <a href="http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html">http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html</a>

# Serving in the Church

#### Snacks

• January -5<sup>th</sup> Brink & Mattox -12<sup>th</sup>

#### Nursery

#### • January

 $-5^{\text{th}}$  Michelle M. & Ali W.  $-12^{\text{th}}$ 

## Greeters

• January -5<sup>th</sup> Lizzy W. & Brianna B. -12<sup>th</sup>

## Ushers

• January -5<sup>th</sup> Jayson B. -12<sup>th</sup>

## Family Worship Guide

Daily Bible Readings	
Sunday, Jan 5: Job 6-9	
Monday, Jan 6: Job 10-13	
Tuesday, Jan 7: Job 14-16	
Wednesday, Jan 8: Job 17-20	
Thursday, Jan 9: Job 21-23	
Friday, Jan 10: Job 24-28	
Saturday, Jan 11: Job 29-31	
Prayer	

Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.

Monday, Pray for our sister church, Hope Presbyterian Church, in Mercer Island, WA.

Tuesday, Pray for our Missionaries as they proclaim the gospel.

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 equip and protect the elders and deacons.

Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacons 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 1st and 3rd 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 my be epitomized as follows: God's sacraments or covenant signs/seals are 'visible words' (Augustine). In them we see with our eves 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.

Never think to find honey in the pot, when God writes poison on the cover.

~William Gurnall (1617-1679)

#### 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 the well-known hymn based on Revelation 4:8: "Day and night they never stop saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

# The Public Worship of God

#### January 5, 2014; 9:30am

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### \* Greeting

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit; **People: Amen!** Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; **People: Bring an offering, and come into His courts!** Leader: Let us worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; **People: Tremble before Him, all the earth! Amen!** 

#### \* Blessing

- <u>\* Call to Worship</u> Psalm 9:7-11 (Trinity Hymnal p. 787)
- \* Song of Adoration Hymn 2 -- O Worship The King
- \* 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 neglected and abused your holy worship, your holy name, and your holy day. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors, not loving them as ourselves.

Leader: O Lord, have compassion on us in our infirmities. Be pleased to have compassion on us for the sake of Your Son.

All: Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

<u>Romans 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Congregational Response

Hymn 524 — Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

# 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

# <u>\* Doxology</u> (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.

<u>\* Lord's Prayer</u>

## \* Reading of Scripture

1 Thessalonians 3 -- The Apostle Paul explains the certainty of Christian suffering and prays for the Thessalonians' growth in love and holiness.

## <u>Psalm of the Month</u> Psalm 72 -- (bulletin)

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

# <u>Pastoral Prayer</u>

Proclamation of the Word Hebrews 10:19-25 -- Equipped for Life -- Pastor Clayton Willis

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- <u>\* Song of Thanksgiving</u> Hymn 642 -- Be Thou My Vision
- <u>\* Benediction</u>
- \* Congregational Amens (Trinity Hymnal 740)

\* Please stand if you are able

## Psalm 72



# Sermon Notes

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\* child is this age by Sept. 1

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Giving	\$10,096.71		
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