

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

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



# **Upcoming Events**

#### • March

20	Communion CE / SS Evening Service 5p	
23	Bible Study 7p at Willis'	
24	POW (Prayers of Women) 6:30p at Keith's	
26	Resurrection Day breakfast 9a at Dunn's	
27	Resurrection Day Worship 9:30 no SS / CE or Evening Service	
30	Bible Study 7p at Willis'	
31	POW (Prayers of Women) 6:30p at Keith's	
See our calendar online at www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar		

# **Serving in the Church**

• March			
	Usher		Greeters
20	Aaron C. Bradford B.	20	Alice M.
27	Patrick B. Bradford B.	27	Yvonne R.
	Snack		Sound
20	Berg	20	Haley B.
27		27	Calvin W.

#### Family Worship Guide

Daily Bible Readings (1 Year)	Daily Bible Readings (2 Year)
Sunday, Mar. 20: I Samuel 6-10	Mar. 20 Ex 31; Jn 10
Monday, Mar. 21: Psalms 33-35	Mar. 21 Ex 32; Jn 11
Tuesday, Mar. 22: Job 23-24	Mar. 22 Ex 33; Jn 12
Wednesday, Mar. 23: Isaiah 62-66	Mar. 23 Ex 34; Jn 13
Thursday, Mar. 24: Mark 3-4	Mar. 24 Ex 35; Jn 14
Friday, Mar. 25: I Corinthians 9-10	Mar. 25 Ex 36; Jn 15
Saturday, Mar. 26: Genesis 48-50	Mar. 26 Ex 37; Jn 16
Prayer	

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Sunday, Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim the gospel.

Monday, Pray for our sister church, New Life Presbyterian Church, in La Mesa.

Tuesday, Pray for the parents & children in our congregation.

Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.

Thursday, Pray that God would strengthen and protect persecuted Christians.

Friday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.

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 may be epitomized as God's sacraments or covenant signs/seals are 'visible words' (Augustine). In them we see with our eyes 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 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. 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

There is a difference between having an *opinion* that God is holy and gracious, and having a *sense* of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness. A man may have the former that knows not how honey tastes, but a man cannot have the latter unless he has an idea of the taste of honey in his mind.

~Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

### Notes on Worship

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The confession of faith (we use either the Apostle's Creed or Nicene Creed) reminds us that we stand in a long line of men and women who by grace through faith are united to Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are not the end of the so-called 'great commission' found in Matthew 28:18-20, but rather in our confession of faith we recognize that we stand as part of it, and are part of something bigger than ourselves individually, bigger than our congregation, bigger than our denomination--we are part of the church universal (or catholic), true members of the Body of Christ who believe and confess the timeless truths contained in the creed.

# The Public Worship of God

Palm Sunday March 20, 2016; 9:30am

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### \* Greeting

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;

People: Amen!

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His:

Leader: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

#### \* Blessing

#### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 139 (Trinity Hymnal p. 836)

#### \* Song of Adoration

Hymn 115 — All Creatures of our God and King

#### \* Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

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: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have offended against Your holy laws.

People: We confess that we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

#### Congregational Response

Hymn 508 — Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

#### Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 846)

#### Tithes and Offerings

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

#### \* Doxology (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.

#### \* Lord's Prayer

#### \* Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 29 — The wise and foolish, the righteous and wicked, are contrasted, particularly as applies to the dealings of a ruler.

#### Psalm of the Month

Psalm 22 -- (bulletin)

We encourage children to stay in the worship service; however we provide a cry room for children ages five and under if needed.

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 21:1-7 — The Triumphal Entry — Pastor Clayton Willis

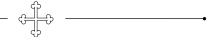
# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### \* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 297 — All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#### \* Benediction

#### \* Congregational Amens (Trinity Hymnal 740)





# Sermon Notes

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<sup>\*</sup> child is this age by Sept. 1

PPC Giving 2016							
	February	YTD	Monthly Budget	YTD v Budget			
Giving	\$13,056.70	\$25,167.59	\$12,450.00	\$267.59			
Expenses	\$13,841.57	\$27,626.65	\$13,405.00	\$1074.65			
Net	-\$784.87	-\$2,459.06		-\$807.06			



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Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

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