

# *The Lord's Service*

August 18th, 2013

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*God is Renewing Covenant With His People*

*God Calls Us and Cleanses Us*

Prelude Lydia Harris

Baptism Exhortation: What Happens in Baptism?  
Hymn of Praise: I Bind Unto Myself Today (vss. 1-4) pgs. 349-350  
*Interlude*

Call to Worship (*Please Stand*)

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 18:20; 28:19*

**People: Amen.**

Salutation: **The Lord be with you!** *Ruth 2:4*

And also with you!

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

*Psalm 122:1-2*

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *Psalm 121:1-2*

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren...accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down. *Psalm 95:6*

**All: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*(Let all who are able kneel)*

Pastor: Eternal God,

**People:** In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon:

*(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)*

Pastor: Know surely, your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord (Acts 13:38).

**All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!**

**Hymns of Faith:** (*Please Stand*)

I Bind Unto Myself Today (vss. 5-9) pgs. 350-352

People: Amen!

*God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

\*Responsive Psalm

Psalm 67

Pastor: God be gracious to us and bless us,

**People: And cause His face to shine upon us--**

That Your way may be known on the earth,

**Your salvation among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise You.**

Let the nations be glad,

**And sing for joy;**

For You will judge the peoples with uprightness,

**And guide the nations on the earth.**

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Let all the peoples praise You.**

The earth will yield her produce;

**God, our God, will bless us.**

God will bless us,

**And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.**

Praise to Yahweh, God of Israel,

**Who alone does wondrous deeds.**

Yes, praise to His glorious name everlastingly,

**And may His glory fill the whole earth.**

Amen!

**Yes! Amen!**

Confession of the Nicene Creed *(Please be seated)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one  
Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from  
the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was

buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the

living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and  
the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Sung Lord's Prayer (see hymnal's back cover)

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

**People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!**

Reading of God's Word (**Please Stand**)

First Reading: Isaiah 25

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:21-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Luke 1:67-80

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Faith: Fairest Lord Jesus, pg. 300

**People: Amen!**

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Philippians 1:21-24

Title: Philippians: A Journey in Joy: Life After Death

Offertory: (Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn: Psalm 23, The King of Love, pg. 35

**People: Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

### *God Communes With Us*

Celebration of Holy Communion (*Please be seated*)

Passing of the Bread ("*The Lord be with you*" "*The Lord bless you*")

Passing of the Wine ("*The Peace of Christ be with you*" "*And also with you*")

Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*

*(Please Stand with Hands Raised)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

### *God Commissions Us*

The Lord's Commission *Matthew 28:18-20*

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

**People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**AMEN!** *Psalm 145:21*

Closing Hymn: God, the Lord a King Remaineth (Insert)

**People: Amen!**

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace to Love and to Serve our Risen Christ!*

*All: Amen!*

Postlude

*Welcome*

In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as both Liberator and Lord. If you are a visitor of Providence Church, we are grateful that you have joined us in our highest privilege, worshipping the Triune God. We hope you stay and talk with us after the service so that we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk with Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free either to call him at 850.377.3049 or to email him at [uriesou@gmail.com](mailto:uriesou@gmail.com). Please visit our website at [www.providencepensacola.org](http://www.providencepensacola.org)

**Sermon Text: 21** For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. **22** If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. **23** I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. **24** But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

Children's Questions:

- Will our bodies go with us when we die?
- Did Paul want to live?
- Why did Paul say it is better for him to remain?

Outline:

- Questions about the afterlife
- Vs. 21
- Paul encourages his congregation to not fear.
- Paul did not reconcile himself with death.
- Death means a flesh-less life.
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- Vss. 22-24
- It is more necessary to remain in the body
- The Christian hope is in a resurrected body.

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Announcements:

*Fellowship Meal with Christ Church, 8<sup>th</sup> of September  
Family Advance Conference, Nov. 7-10th*