

The Lord's Service

January 26th 2014

Third Sunday after Epiphany

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude Sheila Parry
Exhortation: Worshiping by the Spirit of God

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!"

Psalms 122:1-2

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *Psalms 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. *Psalms 95:6*

All: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we are most miserably helpless before our adversaries. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your forgiveness and deliverance, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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!

Hymn of Faith: (*Please Stand*)

Psalm 2, pg. 4

People: Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, pg. 305

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 27

Pastor: Yahweh is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Yahweh is the fortress of my life;

Whom shall I dread?

When evildoers draw near against me

To eat my flesh,

My oppressors and enemies,

They themselves stumble and fall.

If an army encamps against me,

My heart will not fear.

If a war rises up against me,

In this I am confident.

One thing I have asked from Yahweh;

That is what I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of Yahweh

All the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of Yahweh

And to inquire in his palace.

Indeed, he will conceal me in his booth in the day of evil;

He will hide me in the hidden place of his tent.

On a rock he will lift me up.

And now my head will be lifted up

Above my enemies all around me.

And I will sacrifice in his tent sacrifices of shouts.

I will sing and psalm to Yahweh!

Hear, Yahweh! With my voice I call!

And be gracious to me and answer me!

To you my heart has spoken.

"Seek my face."

Your face, Yahweh, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me!

Do not turn your servant away in anger!

You have been my help!

Do not forsake me and do not leave me,

God of my salvation!

Indeed, my father and my mother have left me,

But Yahweh will gather me in.

Guide me, Yahweh, in your way

And lead me in a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me over to the desire of my oppressors,

Because they have risen against me.

False witnesses and a violent testifier.

If I had not trusted

That I would see Yahweh's goodness in the land of life.

Wait for Yahweh! Be strong and he will strengthen your heart!

And wait for Yahweh!

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.

Antiphonal Response to Abortion & Sung Lord's Prayer
(see insert and hymnal's back cover)

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

Old Covenant Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

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

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Matthew 4:12-25

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

Hymn of Faith: O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus, pg. 264

People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Philipians 3:3-7

Title: Journey in Joy: The Superiority of Jesus

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

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

Hymn: What Feast of Love, Insert

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, A-men, A-men.

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: Psalm 45, pg. 80

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. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org

Sermon Outline

- I. Life as Story
- II. Do not trust on physical identity.
- III. Paul's story
- IV. What is "flesh" for Paul?
- V. The seven characteristics of Paul's story
- VI. The superiority of Jesus

Children's Questions:

- I. What were the dangers for the Philippians? Trusting in:
 - a) the flesh
 - b) their identity
 - c) their physical descent
 - d) All of the above.
- II. How many times is the word "law" mentioned in the sermon?