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Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

November 16th, 2014

Twenty Third Sunday in Pentecost

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ 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 we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk to Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free to either call him at 850.377.3049 or to email him at uriesou@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencепensacola.org.

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Prelude:

Miss Lydia Harris

Exhortation:

Why are you here?

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

People: 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 if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to 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

People: 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: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

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

Hymns of Faith (Please Stand)

Psalm 1, Blessed Now the Man Who Does Not Walk, pg. 2

People: Amen.

Psalm 2, Why do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage, pgs. 4-5

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 90:1-12

Pastor: Prayer of Moses, Man of God

My Master, You are our dwelling place

Generation after generation.

Before the mountains were born

And You travailed with the land and the world,

From everlasting to everlasting

You are the Mighty One.

You turn weak man back to dust,

And You say, "Return, sons of Adam."

For a thousand years in Your eyes are like a day,

Yesterday that has gone by,

And a watch in the night.

You sweep them away.

They are sleep.

In the morning, like the new grass, he sprouts.

In the morning he springs up and sprouts;

By the evening he is withered and dry.

Indeed, we are consumed in Your anger,

And by Your indignation we are terrified.

You set our liabilities before You,

Our secret in the light of Your face.

Indeed, all our days pass away in Your wrath.

We end our years with a moan.

The days of our years are seventy years,

Or if strong, eighty years,

And the best of them are labor and trouble,

For they pass quickly and we fly away.

Who knows the power of Your anger,

For as Your fearfulness, so is Your wrath.

To number our days aright, teach us!

That we may acquire a wise heart.

Amen!

Yes! Amen!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*please remain standing*)

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 and 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*)

New Covenant Reading:

Zephaniah 1:7–16

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

Epistle Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Matthew 25:14–30

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

Hymn of Faith: *Omnia et in omnibus Christus • Christ all and in all* Jesus the Very Thought of Thee, pg. 359

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Al Stout (Sermon outline on the back page)

Title:

What to do with your talents?

Text

Matthew 25:14–30

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted, pgs. 206-207

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: *Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?*

**People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.
We present ourselves as living sacrifices,
And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.
We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings
In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,
The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.**

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:

And Can It Be That I Should Gain, pgs. 286-287

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Advent Choir will practice today following the fellowship time.

Dates

- 22 November Advocate for Life Sidewalk Training 8:30 –12:00
- 3 December - Wednesday Vespers Services beginning on the First Week of Advent
- 14 December - Fellowship Meal (One Fellowship November/December)
- 19 December - Christmas Party/Wine Tasting
- 24 December - Joint Christmas Eve, Lessons and Carols service with Christ Church at Providence.
- 27 December - Micah 6:8 Run for Life
- 31 December - New Years Eve Fellowship at Camp Koinonia

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Outline:

- I. Introduction. The setting of the parable.
- II. The End of the World and the Beginning of the Kingdom.
 - a. The end of “the age”
 - b. The Kingdom of Heaven arrives
- III. The kingdom of heaven will be like...
 - a. The Master
 - b. The Servants
 - i. The Master gives to his servants
 - ii. Who do the servants represent?
- IV. Faithful Kingdom living.
- V. The unfaithful are cut off
- VI. Application.
 - a. The nature of talents of God are that they grow.
 - b. We should not be looking at what others have been given.
 - c. We need to have the right view of our master.
 - d. Your master looks for you to be welcomed.

Children's Outline:

I. The Kingdom of Heaven is:

- a. Here already
- b. Coming in the future
- c. Both

II. Who is the Master of the Kingdom?

III. What talents do you have?

IV. How can you use them for your Master?