



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

December 28th, 2014

First Sunday in Christmas

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.providencepensacola.org.

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Prelude:

Miss Lydia Harris

Exhortation

The Optimism of Christmas

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: 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: 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)

Psalms 103, My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker, pgs. 142-143

People: Amen.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice, pg. 238

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 111

Pastor: Praise Yab! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of Yahweh,

Studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

And his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

Yahweh is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

He remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,

In giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;

All his precepts are trustworthy;

They are established forever and ever,

To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;

He has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

All: 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*)

Old Covenant Reading:

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

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

Epistle Reading:

Galatians 4:4-7

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Luke 2:22-40

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

Hymn of Faith:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, pg. 241

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito (Sermon outline on the back page)

Title:

A Light to the Gentiles

Text

Luke 2:22-35

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

O Little Town of Bethlehem, pg. 244

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!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Hymn:

Joy to the World! the Lord is Come, pg. 240

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates

- 31 December - New Years Eve Fellowship at Camp Koinonia
- Monthly Vespers Service starts the First Wednesday in February



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Outline:

- I. The new world and the eighth day
- II. The required sacrifices
- III. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph
- IV. Simeon and the consolation of Israel
- V. Salvation and sacrifice

Children's Outline:

Read the passage and answer the following questions:

1. Why did Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple?
2. Who told Simeon to go to the Temple?
3. What did Simeon do when he took the baby Jesus into his arms?
4. What other person was in the Temple on that day?
5. What did Anna do after she praised God?



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