



Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

November 27th 2016

1st Sunday in Advent

1st Sunday in the Church Calendar

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

Rejoice!

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!"

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 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.

Psalm 95:6

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: 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

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

Hymns of Faith (Please Stand)

Psalm 23, The King of Love My Shepherd Is, pg. 35

People: Amen.

Lift Up Your Heads, pgs. 224-225

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 23

Pastor: Yahweh is my Shepherd,

People: Nothing shall I lack.

In green pastures He makes me lie down;

Beside quiet waters He leads me.

My soul He restores;

He leads me in righteous paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in a valley of deep darkness, I will fear no evil;

For You are with me,

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare before me a table in the presence of mine enemies.

You fatten my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in Yahweh's house to the end of days.

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 2:1-5

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

New Covenant Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-24

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Hymn of Faith:

Behold! The Mountain of the Lord (Vss. 1-4), pgs. 298-299

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

Let's Go to Church!

Text

Isaiah 2:1-5

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

Behold! The Mountain of the Lord (Vss. 5-7), pgs. 298-299

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

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

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:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, pg. 227

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

Announcements:

Upcoming Events:

The Advent Choir will meet for the last time at around 11:15 for practice.

Our Advent Vespers' Season begins on November 30th. We will meet for four consecutive Wednesdays (30th, 7th, 14th, 21st) as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of our Lord.

Mark your calendars for these December events:

***Singing at Retirement Home, December 18**

We will leave after fellowship and gather at University Pines at midday. Please plan to attend.

***Providence hosting the joint service with Christ Church on Christmas Eve at 6pm. We are looking for 4 families to provide some light refreshment.**

***New Year Celebration at Camp Koinonia Friday, December 30th starting at 4pm. Bring Chili, games and outdoor clothes. Camping/cabins available if you wish to stay the night.**

***Adult Wine Tasting on Epiphany. January 6th at 6:00pm. Location: Traylor's Home.**

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Outline:

- I. The Familiarity of Isaiah
- II. The Sin and Misery of God's People
- III. The Glorious Promise of Isaiah 2
 - a. Images of the Church
 - b. The Latter Days of Jesus' Arrival
 - c. The Established Church on the Hill
 - d. The Church on the Offense

Children:

- I. . Isaiah is the son of Amos (True or False)
- II. Do the people hear Isaiah's message?
- III. The "Latter Days" began with Jesus' birth? (True or False)

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