



Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

Epiphany Lesson:

Epiphany marks the ordinary season of the church. And “ordinary” is not synonymous with unimportant. In fact, “ordinary” for the church is synonymous with “Watch and see what happens when Christ enters the world.” A child changes things. It changes everything around the home. The gifts of the sages from the East came at a time when Mary was recovering. She knew who this child was. Her expectations for this little babe was a motherly expectation. Even though the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh came, the child was not going to be reared in a royal palace, but in an ordinary Jewish home. He would study learn and grow, and his appearance would be quite...ordinary.

Epiphany is an ordinary season. Though our Lord would live an extraordinary life, we must remember that his childhood, his appearance into the world as a child, his appearance to the Gentiles, was rather ordinary. He cried, slept a lot, and needed much attention like any other infant. Far from the ostentatious boastfulness of royal births, this little babe was introduced to the world and guests in the most ordinary of places and circumstances.

Memory Verse for the First Sunday in Epiphany:

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.-Isaiah 60:1

When the Redeemer came to Zion he brought light with him, he himself came to be a light.
-Matthew Henry

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God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

A Merry Epiphany

Prelude

Miss Lydia Harris

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: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that 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 grace, 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

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

Hymns of Faith (Please Stand)

As with Gladness Men of Old, pg. 251

People: Amen.

Of the Father's Love Begotten, (vss. 1-4) pg. 246

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 28

Pastor: By David,

To You, Yahweh, I call;

People: My Rock, do not be deaf to me;

For if You are silent to me,

Then I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the sound of my cries for mercy

When I call to You for help,

When I lift up my hands

Toward the holy room of Your enthroned word.

Do not drag me away with the wicked,

And with those who make trouble;

Who speak peace with their neighbors,

While evil is in their hearts.

Repay them according to their work,

And according to the evil of their practices;

According to the deeds of their hands repay them;

Bring what they deserve upon them.

Because they do not regard Yahweh's works,

Nor the deeds of His hands,

He will tear them down,

And not build them up.

Blessed be Yahweh,

Because He has heard the sound of my cries for mercy.

Yahweh is my strength and my shield;

In Him my heart trusts, And I am helped;

And my heart exults,

And with my song I shall thank Him.

Yahweh is their strength,

And a saving refuge to His anointed is He.

Save Your people,

And bless Your inheritance;

And be their shepherd,

And carry them into the everlasting time.

Praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel!

From everlasting and unto everlasting.

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 49:1-7

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

New Covenant Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

John 1:29-42

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

Hymn of Faith:

Of the Father's Love Begotten, (vss. 5-7) pg. 247

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

I Corinthians: Who are we?, part 1

Text

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

Let All the Stars in the Skies Give Praise, pg. 254

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!

Psalm 145:21

Closing Hymn:

Crown Him with Many Crowns, pg. 293

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

Announcements:

Thanks so much to the Traylor for hosting our 9th annual Wine Tasting. The food was fantastic and the joyful fellowship was wonderful.

Mark your calendars for these events:

January 17th, this Tuesday, is our next ladies book study. Chapters 5-7 of “Virtuous,” meeting at Brittany Hartke’s home.

February 1st—Vespers (Church to provide a meal).

Shrove Tuesday is February 28th. Pancake Dinner at 5:30. Details to be announced

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Outline:

I. What is our title?

II. People of God

III. Introducing Corinth

a. Corinth's Commercial Life

b. The Isthmian Games

c. Paul's Three Letters

d. Paul Receives Reports from Chloe's People

IV. Paul's Salutation

a. vs. 1: An Apostle is Someone who has seen the Resurrected Lord

b. vs. 2: The Connectionalism of Corinth

c. vs. 3: Paul's Benediction

V. Flee to Jesus

Children:

I. Who is the Paul?

a. A Prophet

b. A Disciple

c. An Apostle

d. All of the Above

II. How many letters did Paul write to Corinth?

III. Who are we?

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