



Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

January 15th 2017

The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus

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.

Worship Lesson:

Many of you come from very different backgrounds and may be new to our body, or recently joined, and still have questions about what we do here when we gather. I would like to offer three proposals for why we gather:

First, we gather because forsaking this gathering is not an option (Heb. 10:25). We are very familiar with the exhortation not to forsake the assembly, but we often overlook why forsaking Sunday worship is so detrimental. According to Hebrews 10, it is harmful because this is God's appointed place to stir one another up to love and good works and offer mutual encouragement (Heb. 10:24).

Secondly, we gather because we war against the forces of evil. "What are those Christians doing in that little building on Sunday morning? What a waste!" they say. But little do they know that we gather to conspire against evil! We are gathered this morning to be cleansed and instructed in God's authoritative war manual, the Holy Bible. And unlike those who are blinded to God's plans in the world, we have our eyes opened by the Spirit.

Finally, we are here because the Spirit of God gathered us together. Just as he hovered over creation, he hovers over us creating in us a vision for worship and dominion. But like little children, we need to be nurtured by our God. We cannot change the world apart from the Spirit, and the Spirit puts us here, so the Father can bless us and the Son feed us.

Memory Verse for the Second Week in the Epiphany:

Isaiah 56:1 - Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

Matthew Henry: The scope of these verses is to show that when God is coming towards us in a way of mercy we must go forth to meet him in a way of duty

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

Jesus is the Bow (Gen. 9)

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)

We Gather Together, pg. 285

People: Amen.

This Little Babe (Insert)

People: Amen.

This Little Babe

DAS NEUGEBORNE KINDELEIN (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)

Cyriacus Schneegass?, c. 1597

Robert Southwell, c. 1661-169

1. This lit - tle Babe so few days old Is come to rif - le
 2. With tears he fights and wins the field, His nak - ed breast stands
 3. His camp is pitch - ed in a stall, His bul - wark but a
 4. My soul with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to the tents that

Sa - ten's fold; All hell doth at his pres - ence quake,
 for a shield; His bat - tling shot are bab - ish cries,
 he hath pight. The crib his trench, hay - stalks his stakes;
 With - in his crib is sur - est ward;

Though he him - self for cold do shake; For in this weak
 His ar - rows looks of weep - ing eyes, His mar - tial en
 Of shep - herds he of his mus - ter makes; And thus, as sure
 This lit - tle Babe will be thy Guard. If thou wilt foil

un - arm - ed wise The gates of hell he will sur - prise.
 signs Cold and Need, And fee - ble Flesh his war - rior's steed.
 his foe to wound, The an - gels' trumps a - lar - um sound.
 thy foes with joy, The flit not from this heav'n - ly Boy.

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

**Responsive Psalm*

Psalm 29

Pastor: Ascribe to Yahweh, sons of mighty ones,

People: Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of his name!

Bow to Yahweh in the majesty of holiness.

The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters;

The Mighty One of the glory thundered:

Yahweh is upon many waters.

The voice of Yahweh is in power!

The voice of Yahweh is in majesty!

The voice of Yahweh breaks cedars,

And Yahweh shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

And he makes them skip like a calf,

Lebanon and Sirion like a son of wild oxen.

The voice of Yahweh is striking with flames of fire.

The voice of Yahweh makes the wilderness writhe;

Yahweh makes the wilderness of Kadesh writhe.

The voice of Yahweh makes the deer writhe in labor,

And uncovers honeycombs,

And in his palace, everything says, Glory!

Yahweh sat enthroned at the Flood,

And Yahweh sits as king unto eternity.

Yahweh gives strength to his people;

Yahweh blesses his people with peace.

Amen!

All: 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:

Ezekiel 20:1-13

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

New Covenant Reading:

I 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:

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Hymn of Faith:

Fairest Lord Jesus, pg. 300

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

Who Are We? (part II) (Outline on 2nd to last page)

Text

I Corinthians 1:4-9

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

Psalm 29A (Insert)

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.

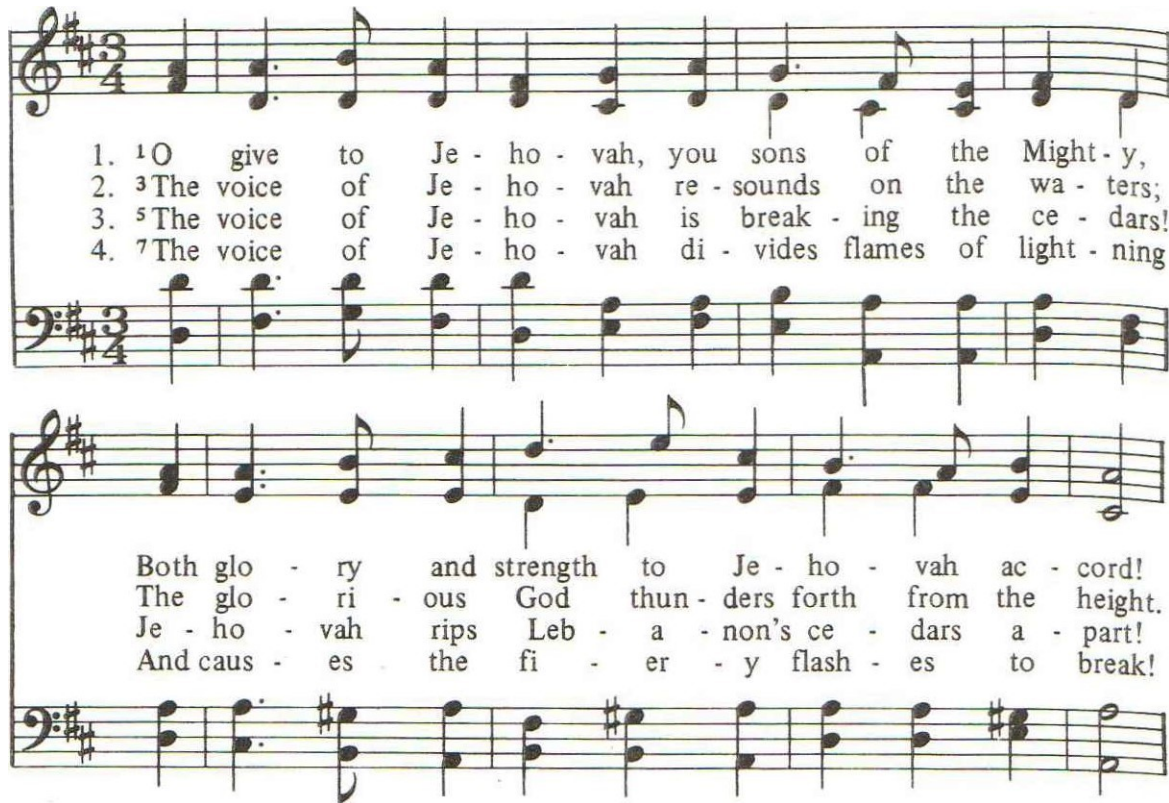
We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

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.



1. ¹O give to Je - ho - vah, you sons of the Might - y,
2. ³The voice of Je - ho - vah re - sounds on the wa - ters;
3. ⁵The voice of Je - ho - vah is break - ing the ce - dars!
4. ⁷The voice of Je - ho - vah di - vides flames of light - ning

Both glo - ry and strength to Je - ho - vah ac - cord!
The glo - ri - ous God thun - ders forth from the height.
Je - ho - vah rips Leb - a - non's ce - dars a - part!
And caus - es the fi - er - y flash - es to break!

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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:

The Church's One Foundation, pg. 327

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

Outline:

I. Who am I? Thou Knowest Me.

II. The Existential Crisis of Corinth

III. Paul's Answer in One Word: JESUS

IV. You are Sanctified in Jesus Christ

V. Paul's Expectations:

- a. Paul Affirms their Status
- b. Paul Affirms their Sanctification
- c. Paul Affirms their Glorification

VI. The Tough Task of Thanksgiving

Children:

I. What gifts were the Corinthians misusing?

- a) Their speech
- b) Their knowledge
- c) Their spiritual gifts
- d) All of the above.

II. Why are words important?

III. Paul does not give thanks for the Corinthians. (T or F)

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Announcements:

Mark your calendars for these events:

Man in the Arena presentation with Dr. George Grant @McIlwain Presbyterian Thursday, January 19th at 7:00pm

Micah 6:8 Run for Life 21 January 2017.

Our next Vespers is on February 1st. No Vespers in January

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

*For those of you who prefer to receive special announcements via text, please sign up. Messages will be sent sparingly: Join my text messaging group today! To join, text 'ProvidenceChurch' to 292929 or visit <http://call-em-all.com/join/ProvidenceChurch>.

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