



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

February 19th 2017

Seventh 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.providencpensacola.org.

Lesson for Sunday

C.S. Lewis observed in his *Reflections on the Psalms* that a Christian can't always be defending the truth, sometimes he needs to feed on it. This is very appropriate for the people of God on this Lord's Day. This is the day to receive the blessings of God in Word and Sacrament. This is a day to feed on the One who gave himself for us. This is a day to be renewed and encouraged to assume our roles in this world.

The Psalms and the entirety of Scriptures presuppose this nurturing role for the people of God. We cannot defend something unless we have been transformed and fed by it. The Psalter, in particular, calls us to see if there is any wicked way, so that we may be led to everlasting life. The first step to being fed by the Word is to allow the Word to cut through us and exorcise our sinful habits and thoughts. We cannot be truly fed by the Word if our hearts do not desire the Word.

Memory Verses Review Month:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." -Isaiah 52:7

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. -Psalm 30:5

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

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

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. -1 Corinthians 1:18

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

Lot's Worship (Gen. 13)

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)

Psalm 1, Bless Now the Man Who Does Not Walk, pgs. 2-3

People: Amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, pg. 292

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 32

Pastor: Happy is he whose transgression is forgiven,

People: Whose impurity is covered up.

Happy is the man to whom Yahweh does not impute liability,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

In my groaning all the day,

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me.

My best oil was turned into the droughts of summer. Selah.

My impurity I acknowledged to you,

And my liability I did not cover up.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh,"

And you forgave the liability of my impurity. Selah.

For this, let every loyal one pray to you in a time for finding you;

Surely when many waters rise they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; from oppression you preserve me;

With songs of deliverance you surround me. Selah.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should walk;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse, like a mule, having no understanding.

By bit and bridle he is harnessed for control;

He does not come near you.

Many are the pains of the wicked one;

But he who trusts in Yahweh: loyalty surrounds him.

Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice, you righteous ones,

And sing out, all you who are upright in heart!

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:

Deuteronomy 8:1-4

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

New Covenant Reading:

I Thessalonians 2:1-13

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

John 1:1-12

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

Hymn of Faith:

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, pg. 374

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

Sola Scriptura: How the Bible Shapes Us (Outline on 2nd to last page)

Text

I Thessalonians 2:13

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

What Feast of Love (Insert)

People: Amen.

What Feast of Love

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Em D G D Em Am B

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav - en?

Em D G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

Bm⁷ G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Bm⁷ G D Em B Em^{sus4} Em

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Insert)

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

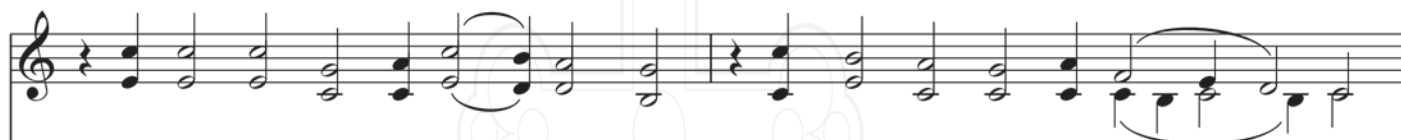
All: Amen!

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ordinary



1. A might - y For - tress is our God, A trust - y Shield and Wea - pon.
 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 3. Tho' dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 4. The Word they still shall let re - main Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - er - y need That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 But for us fights the Val - iant One, Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o - ver pow'r us.
 He's by our side up - on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil Foe Now means dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth LORD,
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none,
 And though they take our spouse Goods, fame, child, or house, or ev - en our life,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit - tle word can fell him.
 They have not won the strife; The King - dom ours re main - eth.



Outline:

I. The B-I-B-L-E

II. Sola Scriptura is the Church's Language

a. The Language of Gratitude

b. The Language of Liturgy

III. Sola Scriptura as God's Language

a. Jesus Depends on God's Word

b. The Unbreakability of the Word (John 10:35)

IV. Sola Scriptura as Uniting Language

a. Sola vs. Solo Scriptura

b. One Church Under Bible

V. The Bible Shapes Us

Children:

I. What does Sola Scriptura mean?

II. Write down two Bible verses you see in our Order of Worship.

III. The Reformation is celebrating:

a. 450 Years

b. 600 Years

c. 500 Years

d. 1,000 Years

Announcements:

We will be holding the first of what we hope to be a weekly men's study focused on God's call to husbands and fathers, to be interspersed with bible studies. It will be at 6:am on Tuesday at the Panera Bread on 9 Mile Rd and University See Pastor Stout if you are interested.

Mark your calendars for these events:

February 21st—Ladies Study. Mary Stout is leading and chapters 8 through 10 are up for discussion. If anyone would like a book, let Pastor Stout know and we will order one. Invite your friends. Held at the home of Heather Johnson. 4795 East Spencer Field Rd Pace, FL

26 February Fellowship Meal

28 February Shrove Tuesday. Pancake Dinner at 5:30. At the home of the Oaks. Their address is 9031 Woodrun Rd. Pensacola, FL 32514 Pancakes will be cooked at the Oaks and we ask you to bring sausage and/or bacon precooked. Please sign up in the back and let us know how many are coming.

Vespers—Our Lenten Vespers Services will commence on Wednesday, March 1st and continue throughout Lent.

Sunday School continues today. Overview of Old Testament, by Pastor Brito. We have three teams to help with children (3—10 yrs old) during this hour. If you are interested in volunteering to help with children during these Sunday School hours, please let Pastor Stout know. We have materials for you to use.

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