



Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

March 5th 2017

First Sunday in Lent

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.

Lesson for Sunday

What is Lent?

What is Lent? Lent is the penitential season of the Church. Lent is the purple of royalty. Lent is the desert before the promised land of the Resurrection. Lent is the pathless mazes of the wilderness. Lent is the incurable disease of sin. Lent is the long wait Jacob endured for Rachel. Lent is the "Thus saith the Lord," when the devil whispers, "Who said ye shall be like God?" Lent is the sacrifices of incomplete priests. Lent is the exile of a perfect man so that we might be set free. Lent is the love of injustice poured on a just Man. Lent is fasting with hope. Lent is giving up idols and turning to the true icon of God, Jesus Christ. Lent is finding joy in the midst of suffering. Lent is loving without expecting to be loved. Lent is death. Lent is death to us. Lent is repenting and being forgiven. Lent is exploring your weakness. Lent is judging yourself first. Lent is John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. Lent is a pattern for redemption. Lent is God moving his people from desert to city, from ruin to a new civilization. Lent is obedience through sacrifice, love through death.

Why Lent? Because Lent takes away our arrogance. It instills a sense of need. It builds a habit of dependence. It prepares our wounds to be healed by Another. Lent is the power of Another to do what we cannot do for ourselves. We need Lent because without it Christ is no king, we are no people, and life is no gift. We all must take up our cross and follow the Christ of the cross. In Him, we move and live and have our being.

Memorization Text for Lent: Psalm 22:1-11

It is the photograph of our Lord's saddest hours, the record of his dying words, the lachrymatory of his last tears, the memorial of his expiring joys. David and his afflictions may be here in a very modified sense, but, as the star is concealed by the light of the sun, he who sees Jesus will probably neither see nor care to see David. -Charles Spurgeon

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

Avoiding Sins' Delicacies

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 20, The LORD Hear Thee in Troubled Times, pgs. 28-29

People: Amen.

Not What My Hands Have Done, Insert

People: Amen.

Not What My Hands Have Done

D G Em7/G E7/G# A
 1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2 Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
 3 I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;

D A/C# Bm (G) D/A A7 D
 not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 your power a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - raise.
 and with un - fal - tering lip and heart I call this Sav - ior mine.

G D Bm F#m
 Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 No oth - er work but yours, no oth - er blood will do;
 My Lord has saved my life and free - ly par - don gives;

D F# G Em D/A A7 D
 not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 no strength but that which is di - vine can bear me safe - ly through.
 I love be - cause he first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1861, alt., P.D.

Music (LEOMINSTER 6.6.8.6 D): George William Martin, 1862, P.D.

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

**Responsive Psalm*

33:10-22

Pastor: Yahweh negates the counsel of the nations;

People: He frustrates the designs of the peoples.

The counsel of Yahweh will stand firm everlastingly;

The designs of His heart generation after generation.

Blest and merry is the nation whose God is Yahweh,

The people He chose for His inheritance.

Yahweh looks from the heavens;

He sees all the sons of mankind.

He gazes from the place of His habitation

At all the inhabitants of the earth.

It is He who fashions together their hearts,

Who understands all their deeds.

No king can be saved by greatness of force;

A warrior cannot be rescued by greatness of strength.

A false hope is the horse for victory,

And by the greatness of his force he will not deliver.

Behold, Yahweh's eye is on those who fear Him,

On those hoping in His lovingkindness,

To rescue from death their soul

And to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for Yahweh;

He is our help and our shield

Because in Him our hearts rejoice;

Because in His holy Name we trust.

Let your lovingkindness, Yahweh, be upon us,

Even as our hope is toward You.

Praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel!

From everlasting and unto everlasting.

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:

Exodus 6:1-9

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

New Covenant Reading:

I Corinthians 2:6-16

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Hymn of Faith:

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, pg. 358

People: Amen!

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

The Deep Things of God, Part 7, I Corinthians Series (Outline on 2nd to last page)

Text

I Corinthians 2:6-16

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn:

Man of Sorrows, What a Name(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.

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.

Man of Sorrows—What a Name

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1 Man of sor - rows— what a name for the
 2 Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my
 3 Guilt - y, help - less, lost were we; blame - less
 4 He was lift - ed up to die; "It is
 5 When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his

Son of God, who came ru - ined sin - ners
 place con - demned he stood, sealed my par - don
 ▶ Lamb of God was he, sac - ri - ficed to
 fin - ished" was his cry; now in heaven ex -
 ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this

to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
 with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
 ▶ set us free: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
 alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
 song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!

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:

O God of Earth and Altar, pg. 369

People: Amen!

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!



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Outline:

II. There is a Time for Everything

II. The Procession of the Spirit

III. The Trinity's Family Secret

IV. Jesus Hides Things from the Learned and Shares them with Children

V. Who are the "Spiritual"?

a. Pietism's Error

b. The Spiritual are the People of the Spirit

VI. The Antithesis

VII. Using the Mind of Christ

Children:

I. Who communicates the deep things of God to us?

II. Do we have the mind of Christ?

III. To be spiritual is to be a super-Christian. (True or False)

Announcements:

Thanks to the Oaks for hosting a wonderful Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. Thanks also to all the cooks: Elder Gilley and Parker, Sean Johnson, Clayton Slaughter and of course Ron, Pauline and Bethany Smith. Deacon Smith and his family worked very hard to make sure we had a successful evening.

Men's Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 am at the Panera Bread on 9 Mile Rd. and University. Please read Chapter 1 of Paul Tripp's book on Parenting. See Pastor Stout if you are interested in joining the study or need a book.

Mark your calendars for these events:

Vespers—Our Lenten Vespers Services continues every Wednesday through Lent. Providence will be providing a pizza dinner this Wednesday.

Sunday School continues today. Pastor Brito continues his overview of the Old Testament. We have three teams to help with children (3—10 yrs old) during this hour.

Heather Johnson is organizing a regular prayer time at the Abortion Clinic every Friday through Lent. We will use a Litany against abortion and sing. We encourage the moms and children to join. Pastor Brito will lead the prayers and singing. Please contact Heather Johnson for more information at 850-324-2389.

The Spring 40 Days for Life is going on now. Would you like to sign up for an hour of prayer? Providence has set aside three days of prayer: Monday, March 13; Thursday, March 23; and Friday, April 7. See Pastor Stout if you would like to participate.

Our Line Street Event will be on Good Friday (April 14th) at 6:30 am. If you have Facebook, please share this event with your friends and pass it on to as many people as you can. We would love to truly line the Street that day and pray for an end to abortion in our city.

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