

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 18, 2007

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Preparing our Hearts to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven.*

People: **Blessed are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: *I said: I will confess my sins to the Lord,*

People: **And the Lord forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: *Rejoice in the Lord and be glad!*

All: **Sing God's praises – let us lift up our hearts in joy and thanksgiving!**

* Hymn No. 261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, when we open our hearts to the light of Your judgment, we find our actions often lacking the very thing You have created us to do – to love one another. Instead, we find ourselves looking out for what we want, for what will make us more comfortable, for what will make us look better. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that our time here is to be spent caring for one another, reaching out to one another and loving one another – even when that is a difficult and challenging task. Grant us the strength to follow where You call.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 734

Children's Sermon Mark Nelms

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music 'My Jesus I Love Thee' Providence Trio

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Heath and Heather White to Children's Church

Prayer Requests, Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (we pray debts & debtors)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 51

* Hymn No. 482 "Sanctuary" (sing through twice)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sermon

"Gone Astray?"

Rev. Lisa Nance

* Hymn No. 348

"Softly and Tenderly"

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to stand*

If you are a guest this morning, a warm welcome! Our ushers are available to help you with directions to our nursery and restrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter. If you have articles for the April newsletter, please forward those to DeEtta Wood at jdwood72@earthlink.net by next Sunday, March 25.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers:

Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens

Acolyte and Bell Ringer:

Joseph Phillips

Infant Nursery:

Andrea Jones and Kristy Stephenson

Toddler Nursery:

Richard Jones and Chris Stephenson

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, March 25:

Ushers:

Sandy Kopanski and Elaine Wood

Acolyte and Bell Ringer:

Haley Jones

Children's Church:

Mary and Emily Langdon

Infant Nursery:

Bob and Jenni Dry

Toddler Nursery:

Kim Schmidt and Christina Nelms

The Prayer List

The family of Bobby King. Also, Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Worth Bowman, Josephine Byrd, Stacy Byrd, Carol Clifton, Helen Coates, Kim Creech, Lovie Dorman, Essie Fisher, Gene Glasgow, Larry Harris, Mary Hart, Sheila Ivey, Vernon Jackson, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Ed Miller, John O'Connell, Jenny Parsons, Mike Sanchez, Marni Sanft, Ella Sherrill, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Suzanne Underwood, and Ray Williford.

MARCH SCRIPTURE VERSE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

Events for this week:

Today, Mar 18: Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. **Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, Mar 20: Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Mar 21: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Friday, Mar 23: Youth Spaghetti Supper from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6 per plate, eat-in or take-out

Saturday, Mar 24: Youth Group volunteering at Basic Needs Ministry from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Mar 25: Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Nathan Dry and Dick Embrey to provide breakfast; Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

March 26. Pastor Nominating Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 1. Palm Sunday and Collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during Worship.

April 1. Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.

April 5. Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.

April 7. Youth Easter Celebration at 10:00 a.m., including Bible lesson, Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments.

April 8. Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 10: Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe God's mission for Providence Presbyterian Church is:

To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,

To serve God by worshipping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

Providence Presbyterian Church



*Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church*

*Interim Minister
Rev. Lisa Nance*

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