



I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord



*Providence Presbyterian Church
Of Bustleton New Jersey
Old York and Bustleton Road Florence Township*

Reverend Ivo Meilands Pastor

The Morning Celebration!

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Staffed Nursery available in C.E. Bldg., lower level

**Please stand if you are able.*

Sunday, May 13, 2012 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Meditation

God pardons like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgetfulness.

-Henry Ward Beecher

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.

-William Makepeace Thackeray

No one is poor who has a godly mother.

-Abraham Lincoln

Assisting in Worship

8:30 Chambers Family 11:00 Barbara Mule

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT IN (LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES)

PRELUDE "All Hail The Power" Holden

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

PEOPLE: So we come to abide in Christ's love.

Leader: Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

PEOPLE: So we gather remembering that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you."

PEOPLE: Lord, grant us grace to be friends of Christ, loving God and neighbor, and bearing fruit that will last.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, come, let us worship God!

***HYMN #367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we do not deserve your love, nor do we deserve the love of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We have not obeyed Jesus' commands. We have not loved others as Jesus has loved us. We have not laid down our lives for our friends. Jesus has called us friends; but all too often we have treated him as a stranger or a mere acquaintance.

Eternal God, we do not deserve the life you offer, much less to be loved by you, or to be called a friend of Jesus Christ. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us, blessed Jesus. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are - I am - forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Chorus of Praise:

*Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away –
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 6:20-22 (OT P 589)

RESPONSIVE READING: God And The Family

***GLORIA PATRI (#579)**

ANTHEM (11:00) My Friend, Do not Forget

Time for Children

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17 (NT P 109)

SERMON : " Friends of Jesus" *Rev Meilands*

Prayer Concerns**Leaders:**

The CIA thwarted an ambitious plot by al-Quida's affiliate in Yeman to destroy a U.S. bound airliner using a bomb with a sophisticated new design around the one-year anniversary of the killing of Osama bin Laden, U.S. officials said Mondaay. Thanks be to God. Pray for peace.

The World's Peoples:

Peace in the Middle East.

Hospitalized:**For God's presence/peace:**

The Loundesberry family
The Zier family at the death of Sheila's mother.
Edna Burhardt, Jean Prettyman, Ritchie Frisbee.

Healing :

Richard Merten, Pat Leifels, Betty Moller, Norman Cheng, Mark Lozano, Carol Silver, Jeanne Caldwell, Delores Stavish, Ray Stavish, Jeff Cowin, Helen and Shreve Bunting, Linda and Gus Manukas, Fred Watson, Thomas Biddulph, Fred Rawling, Anna Freck, Millie Lincoln, Betty Boldy, Peggy Kelly, Herb Dubell, Pat Tursi, Taylor Griggs, Kristin Powell.

Special needs:

Let us pray for Pastor Ivo, his family, our congregation & Session at all times. Support our troops - for their service and sacrifice. Sister Jean's Kitchen, Jonathan Clark, Steven Ferenzi in Afghanistan, Carol- God's direction and guidance, Sarah, Guidance, wisdom, and understanding when dealing with family problems.

Blessings:

The Resurrection of Our Lord.
Birthdays.
The Wainwright's grandson Ryan is celebrating college graduation.
Mary Beth Kroh's cousin Laura, is in remission and danced at her daughter's wedding.

Because we love you our prayers are with you this week

Doris Krieger, The Kroh Family, The Keen Family.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome! There are many good reasons for coming to church, but we hope that your joining us this morning includes the best reason: to thank God for his amazing love revealed in the life and ministry, the suffering and death, and the wondrous resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is what our church is all about. If we can be of service to you in any way, please speak to our Pastor, or any of our worship leaders or ushers. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining this fellowship where we seek to help each other grow in faith, in love and in service.

The flowers this week are given by Doris Krieger in loving memory Of her mother, Ella O. Malseed and her sister, Margaret Rapp.

Patricia Meilands provides today's nursery at the 8:30 service.

This ministry is for children through grade one.

Lisa Huber provides today's nursery at 11:00 .

This ministry is provided for children up to 4 years of age.

Wendy Kasper provides today's half-time at 11:00.

This ministry is provided for children through grade 4.

The ushers for May are Mildred Reeder and Mary Gilmore.

DID YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO WORSHIP WITH YOU THIS SUNDAY?

LOVE

The angels . . . singing unto one another,
Can find among their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of "mother."

Edgar Allan Poe: To My Mother

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and trebles that want another way. That was a true proverb of the wise man, rely upon it: "Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith."

-Benjamin Franklin

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 13-20

Tuesday

12:30 PM PW meets in the CE Building
All women of the church are invited to attend

Thursday

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

8:00 AM Church Yard Sale

Next Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Ginny Heal
Nursery Ginny Heal
9:45 AM Christian Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship Lee Family
Nursery Lori Bunting
Half-Time Patricia Meilands

From the Pastor

Anna M. Jarvis (1861-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States on May 9, 1914 by an act of Congress.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

RESPONSIVE READING: God And The Family

Pastor: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

PEOPLE: And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Pastor: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

PEOPLE: And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Pastor: Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.

PEOPLE: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Pastor: "Honor you father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth."

PEOPLE: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

EVERYONE: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

-From Genesis 1, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 5 and 6

Weekly Scripture and Meditation: Week 17 – The Division of the Kingdom

Near the end of Solomon's reign, God reveals the consequences that result from his defiance of the Lord's decrees (1 Kings 11:11-12). As a result of his sin, the kingdom of Israel will be shattered and taken from his heirs. Only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin will remain, in honor of God's promise to David. The man whom God raises up to lead the remaining tribes is Jeroboam. He rebels against Solomon and opposes Rehoboam, Solomon's heir. Though appointed by God, Jeroboam quickly leads the people into evil behavior.

Jeroboam Rebels Against Solomon: Read 1 Kings 11:26-40

Why is it surprising that God would raise up another king?

God promises a lasting dynasty for Jeroboam if he will do what is right in the Lord's eyes. In many ways, Jeroboam begins his rule in a situation similar to that of Israel's great king, David. Both Jeroboam and David are appointed by the Lord, and both are given the opportunity to receive God's blessing and a long-lasting dynasty. However, while David trusted the Lord and waited patiently for his guidance, Jeroboam refused to wait on God and often worshipped idols.

Rehoboam Mistreats Israel: Read 1 Kings 12:1-16

What is Rehoboam's fundamental mistake?

The Rebellion Gets Violent: Read 1 Kings 12:18-24

Why do you suppose that God does not want Israel and Judah to fight?

Jeroboam Practices Apostasy: Read 1 Kings 12:25-33

What is Jeroboam's motivation for his actions? In what way is it misguided?

Jeroboam repeats similar mistakes of Aaron, who, five hundred years before, had presented a golden calf to the people and said: "These are your gods, O Israel!" (Exodus 32:4). It is bad enough for Jeroboam to disobey God, but even worse for him to lead others into disobedience as well. He continues to build additional places of worship outside the main worship centers at Bethel and Dan and creates his own religious holidays. He also goes so far as to establish his own priesthood, rejecting the Lord's commands regarding the priesthood.

God's Prophecy Against Jeroboam: Read 1 Kings 14:1-11

What does this story reveal about Jeroboam? What made Jeroboam worse than the rulers who came before him?

God gave Jeroboam an amazing opportunity to lead ten tribes of Israel out of sin and back to the Lord, perhaps restoring the sort of peace and prosperity that were once characteristic of David's and Solomon's reigns. He had the Lord's backing and resources to accomplish the Lord's purposes, yet he chose to ignore God's commands. Similarly, there are times when God gives us amazing gifts and opportunities. The Lord's call on our lives is to devote everything we have, however big or small to serve him.

Israel's and Judah's kings, beginning with Jeroboam, provide some of the Bible's best examples of wicked and godly behavior.

God demonstrates his faithfulness to his promises by sustaining the kingdom of Judah, which will be ruled forever by a descendant of David: Jesus Christ

Providence Presbyterian Church
Yard Sale

Saturday - May 19th

Donation Drop-Off Dates & Times

Sunday, May 13th - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (before or after services)

Monday - Friday, May 14th - May 18th - 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, May 17th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, May 18th - 6:00 pm to 8:00pm



Please, no electronics or winter clothing!

All proceeds go to local charities!

Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton

OLD YORK & BUSTLETON ROAD
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 25 – 29, 2012

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.



REGISTER TODAY

**EVERY CHILD MUST PRE-REGISTER BY
JUNE 10TH**

TO ENSURE THERE IS ENOUGH SPACE!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT

<http://www.provpresch.org/VBS2012.htm>

HYMN #124 (Brown) What A Friend

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "The Lord's My Shepherd" Irvine

*Doxology (#592 Blue) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

OPEN TIME OF SHARING/TESTIMONY/PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor: "In Jesus' name" **People: "Hear our prayer, O Lord"**

or after a testimony, **All: "Amen!"**

THE PEOPLES' PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16 - using "debts/debtors"

***HYMN #111 (Brown) Jesus Is All The World To Me**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #586 Threefold Amen DANISH

POSTLUDE "God to Guide Thee" Neismark

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SACRAMENTS: Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month; Infant and Adult Baptisms are by arrangements with the Pastor and Session

IN 1985 THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH ADOPTED THIS SEAL AS THE SYMBOL FOR THEIR NEW UNITED DENOMINATION. PLACED ON A BACKGROUND OF BLUE (THE COLOR OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND), ONE CAN IDENTIFY WITHIN, WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CROSS, THE FLAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND OTHER SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH, INCLUDING A BAPTISMAL FONT, A CHALICE, AN OPEN BIBLE, A PULPIT, AND A DOVE, THE MAIN BODY OF WHICH IS SHAPED LIKE A FISH.

