



LENT

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, March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent

Meditation

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.

- Psalm 119:1-2

Assisting in Worship

8:30 Roland Newell 11:00 Margo Mattis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

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

PRELUDE "St Paul Oratorio" - Mendelssohn

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The law of the LORD, is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the precepts of the LORD are right; rejoicing the heart;

PEOPLE: **the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

LEADER: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

PEOPLE: **the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold

PEOPLE: **even much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

*HYMN #327 O Word of God Incarnate

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. We have seized our independence, forgetting your provision. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to life, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another.

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are – I am – forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CHORUS OF PRAISE

*Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises,
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17 (OT P 66)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30) "At The Cross" - Jane Cheslo (violin)

CHOIR: (11:00) "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices"

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized, Nursing Home Care, Senior Living, and Rehabilitation:

Edith Csik, Betty Jenkins, Jean Prettyman, Charles Hudak, Delores Stavish, Carson, Sara Stottleman, Nancy Hartman, Mary Gilmore. Gary, Tim in rehab., Jerry, Steve, and Mark.

God's presence/peace: Chris Vanderbilt and family on loss of her grandson, Conrad. Chrissy and Jeff Fontaine on the loss of their son.

Healing:

Scott Freck, Barney, Carol Hess, Sandra, Deloris, Carrie Dare, Charles Hathaway 2nd, Eleanor Hathaway, Teresa and Joanne Dimaio, Erica and son David, Kristin, Delores and Ray, Larry Crompier, Fran, John, Linda Breck, Lenton Studdaford, Maria Simon, Carol and Ed Merten, Jane Nugent, Alice Garman, Jennifer Cox, Dave DiRazzio, Randy Hunt, Tim, Tara, Charles Kasper, Ken Hunt, Alan Clark, Warren, Jan, Polly's daughter Ava, Barb York's Mom, Dolores, Mary Ann Lebeau, Tracy, Sophia, Brian and Cindy Truet.

Special needs:, Floods in the Midwest and for parents and students in Parkland, Florida.

Blessings: For those that helped in the Pasta Fest. Time with family and the beauty of God's creation.

Because we love you our prayers are with you this week:

Alan Brandle and Family, Alma Brown, and Darlene Brown.

The Flowers today are given by the Eells Family in loving memory of Margaret Eells on her birthday.

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5 – March 11

Tuesday, March 5th

Confirmation Class 7-8:30 PM –CE Building

Tuesday, March 6th

PW 12:30 PM – Bible Study CE Building

Thursday, March 1st

7:00 PM - choir practice

Sunday, March 11th

9:45 AM – Christian Education Hour. Film *AD: KINGDOM AND EMPIRE* in Sanctuary.

WELCOME

Welcome to the worship and fellowship of our church family. We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by the Word of God today. If you are new to our community of faith, we hope you will consider making this your church home. Any of our worship leaders will be able to help you with any questions. If you are already part of our family of faith, be sure to extend a friendly greeting to those around you, starting with someone you don't know ... yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Confirmation classes are beginning March 5, 7-8:30 PM.** All students in the 7th and 8th grades are welcome to participate.
- Session Meeting for March is Wednesday the 13th at 7:00 PM
- **EASTER LILIES orders are being taken.** If you wish to order one or more, kindly fill out the form that was in your bulletin last week or there are ones in the back of the church. Orders must be in by March 18th. Forms can be dropped off in the offering plate.
- **SPRING CLEAN-UP** March 24th at 8 AM. Sign up sheet in back of church. Let's make our church grounds ready for spring.
- Our yearly **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held March 31st at 10 AM on the church property. Bring your basket and have some FUN!
- **MUSEUM of the BIBLE – April 17**, bus trip to Washington, DC to visit this new museum. \$50 per person, includes bus and admission. *Contact Bob Lee to sign-up.* 609-647-3222
- An extended **THANK YOU** for those that paid their capita by Feb. Very much appreciated.

CRITICALLY NEEDED – Restock of our Sunday school supplies. As a result of the fire all our Sunday school supplies had to be thrown out. We are in need of

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| pencils | staplers & staples | scotch tape |
| student scissors | glue sticks | school glue |
| construction paper | colored pencils | crayons |
| washable markers | rulers | craft materials |

Please leave any donations in the back of the church. Thank you – CE Committee.

2018 PPCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Giving Last Week | Weekly Giving Goal |
| \$2,992 | \$3,004 |
| Giving Last Month | Monthly Giving Goal |
| \$10,784 | \$13,015 |
| Year to Date | 2018 Budget Total |
| \$23,008 | \$156,185 |

The
Season
of
Lent



Ushers for:

March 11:00 - Annette Slaney, Jack Harkins
April 11:00 – Jen Caron, Wendy Varga

Greeters for:

March 11:00 - Annette Slaney
April 11:00 - Jen Caron

Assisting in worship for month of March

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| March 4 | Roland Newell | Margo Mattis |
| March 11 | Meredith Gillespie | Anne Stein |
| March 18 | Ginny Heal | Andrew Caron |
| March 25 | Pam Solymosi | Marybeth Kroh |

Assisting in worship for month of April

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| April 1 | Dinah Lee | Jack Harkins |
| April 8 | Melinda Wildonger | Don Kasper |
| April 15 | Janet Newell | Jeffrey Caron |
| April 22 | Randy York | Margo Mattis |
| April 29 | Jennifer Poole | Chuck Kroh |

Communion Assistants for April

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| <u>8:30</u> | <u>11:00</u> |
| Bill Buckley | Bob & Dinah Lee |
| | Randy York & Jack Harkins |

LENT SERMON SERIES: *GOD'S UNBREAKABLE PROMISES*

March 11th ***Saved By Grace***
Ephesians 2:1-10

March 18th ***God Loves Us***
Jeremiah 31:31-34

March 25th ***Looking Ahead***
Palm Sunday *Mark 11:1-11*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NT P 166)

Gloria Patri

SERMON: Failure is a Given

- *Pastor Diane Curtis*

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Duet: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Doxology (#592 Blue) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

OPEN TIME OF SHARING/TESTIMONY/PRAYER CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn #329 Break Thou the Bread of Life

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #586 Threefold Amen DANISH

POSTLUDE "Postlude" - *Paxton*

