



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 21, 2024

Rev. William F. Hill, Jr.

Pastor

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

10:30 AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare quietly for worship. Please silence all phones and devices.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING, SALUTATION, AND VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and Earth. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

~WORSHIP IN PRAISE~

§CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1

Minister:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

All: Amen!

§PRAYER OF INVOCATION

§PSALM

Bless the LORD, My Soul #103A

~WORSHIP IN CONFESSION~

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:25-40

Mr. David Matzen, Ruling Elder

The release of Paul and Silas from prison and the conversion of the Philippian jailer.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Having heard God's Word, let us humble ourselves before the majesty of God, praying:

All: Our most holy Father, the one who has redeemed us and set us apart for your service as salt and light in a decaying and dark world, we bless Your name and give you thanks for saving us from our sins. We praise You because You alone are sovereign over all things, ordering each event for the good of Your glory and Your church. Though we know this truth, we sometimes wrestle with it and, as a result, find ourselves sinning against You. Instead of praising You, we grumble. Instead of singing Your praises, we murmur and complain. Please forgive us, Father, for those times. Please help us remember what the saints of old did when unjustly persecuted and when they badly suffered at the hands of wicked people. Please grant us your Spirit and help us trust You in everything. We pray these things through the Name of He who suffered for our sake, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

You are encouraged to confess and repent of particular sins, particularly.
WCF 15.5; Ps. 19:13; 1 Tim. 1:13, 15

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:14-16

Minister:

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Mr. David Matzen, Ruling Elder

The Westminster Confession of Faith, 21.7-8

Q. What do the Scriptures teach regarding the Lord's Day?

7. As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord's day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

8. This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest, all the day, from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.

~WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING~

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mr. David Matzen, Ruling Elder

OFFERING

§DOXOLOGY

~WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE~

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

§HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #439

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Rev. William F. Hill, Jr., pastor

Sermon Title: Call the Sabbath a Delight (part one)

Sermon Series: Call the Sabbath a Delight

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:1-14

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

§HYMN

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! #456

§THE BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Minister:

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen!

§THE GLORIA PATRI

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Introduction

Proposition Statement:

Conclusion

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~



We welcome all visitors today. For more information about Providence Presbyterian Church, please scan the QR code or pick up a visitor's packet in the foyer.

- The following **sermon schedule** for **April-May** will be followed, Lord willing:
 - Apr. 21 AM: Isaiah 58:13-14 (1) | PM: Shepherding Groups
 - Apr. 28 AM: Isa. 58:13-14 (2) | PM: Hosea 12-14
 - May 5 AM: TBD | NO PM Worship
 - May 12 AM: TBD | NO PM Worship
 - May 19 AM: TBD | PM: Shepherding Groups
 - May 26 AM: TBD | No PM Worship
- The bulletin now includes a **Family Worship guide** that follows the sermons preached on the Lord's Day. It is also on the **church website (The Pastor's Corner)**.
- **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - April 21, 2024: Fellowship Meal and Shepherding Groups (1 pm)
 - May 1-31: Pastor Hill will be on sabbatical and study leave. Please direct all inquiries and emergencies to RE Chris Turner or RE David Matzen. RE Chris Turner and Tom Wagoner will be exhorting on the Lord's Day.
- **REMINDER:** Starting **June 2, 2024**, Pastor Hill will begin a series through the book of Genesis. **Note:** That change is due to the pastor's sabbatical in May.

**** If you have announcements, please email them to the Pastor by noon each Saturday ****

~CHURCH CALENDAR~

APRIL 2024

Lord's Day, Apr. 21

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
12:30 pm Fellowship Meal and Shepherding Groups
6 pm Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6 pm Trail Life (Various classrooms and Fellowship Hall)
1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
3 pm Session Meeting (Conference Room)
8:30 am Calvin Group (Fellowship Hall)

Wed., Apr. 24

Thurs., Apr. 25

Fri., Apr. 26

Sat., April 27

Lord's Day, Apr. 28

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6 pm Worship



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COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

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Adult Education: Pastor Hill

Youth (age 13-18): RE Chris Turner

Worship: Pastor Hill (Committee: Brad Betsworth, Kay Keller)

Hospitality: RE Chris Turner (Committee: Tara Turner, Wendy Spencer, Kelly Betsworth, Gwen Hill, Anna Straight)

Deacons: RE David Matzen

Singles: Pastor Hill

Outreach (including Trail Life): Pastor Hill

Building: Deacons

Missions: Pastor Hill

Finances: RE David Matzen

Vincennes Mission Work: Pastor Hill

PRAYING FOR THE SAINTS AND THE WORLD

Family of the Week: Kay Keller

Church of the Week: Center Grove Presbyterian Church (Edwardsville, IL.; Wes James, pastor)

Country of the Week: China

*Providence Presbyterian Church subscribes to the Westminster Standards:
The Westminster Confession of Faith and The Larger and Shorter Catechism*

~FAMILY WORSHIP~

Parents, and especially fathers, are called to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Deut. 6:7; Eph. 6:4). One aspect of this calling is to lead your family in family worship faithfully. There are many ways to do that. Below are some suggested family readings and topics of conversation.

~Lord's Day, Apr. 21~

Read Isa. 58. What two items are mentioned in this chapter? What is God's general attitude towards the people who do these things? Why?

~Monday, Apr. 22~

Read Isa. 58. What kind of fast does God desire from his people? Isa. 58:13-14 contain to "if then" clauses. What are they?

~Tuesday, Apr. 23~

Read Isa. 58:13-14. What is the meaning of the first "if" statement? What tangible ways can you practice that as a family?

~Wednesday, Apr. 24~

Read Isa. 58:13-14. What is the meaning of the second "if" statement? How can you honor the Lord's day? How can you avoid going your own way or seeking your own pleasure? What does it mean to talk "idly"?

~Thursday, Apr. 25~

Read Isa. 58:13-14. What are the results of joyfully obeying the "if" statements (58:13)? Discuss the confidence that comes from the final clause of 58:14.

~Friday, Apr. 26~

Read Isa. 58:13-14. In what tangible ways can you take delight in the Lord's day? What promise is offered to those who do?

~Saturday, Apr. 27~

Read Isa. 58:13-14. Use the Worship Preparation Guide sent out by the pastor in preparation for worship this coming Lord's Day.

COUNTRY OF THE WEEK

CHINA

- Pray that house church leaders will know how to shepherd the Lord's sheep in difficult situations.
- Pray for the wisdom of believers confronted by police.
- Pray that Christians will remain faithful to Christ under all circumstances.
- Pray that Christian university students will boldly follow Christ.
- Pray that Christian children will have a firm foundation in the Lord.
- Pray that young believers will stand firm under any circumstances and stay close to God.
- Pray that God will provide protection and mercy to those in difficult situations.
- Pray that church leaders will know the best way for their congregations to meet.
- Pray for imprisoned Christians, such as Wang Yi, Zhang Shaojie, Alimujiang Yimiti, and John Cao.
- Pray that Chinese churches will unite as a brilliant gospel witness.
- Pray that God will raise up more young people to serve in His kingdom.

GIVING

As of April 14, 2024:

Year to Date Giving: \$29,208

Year to Date Budget: \$35,708

Difference: (\$6,572)

