ANNOUNCEMENTS

PPC Directory Photos — February 21st
Andrew Slaton will be taking pictures of our new members, those that added to their family in the last year and those without a picture in our current church directory after worship in Sunday School Room #134 on Sunday, February 21st. Please be sure to stop by so that we can include you in the next directory!

Mark Your Calendars for VBS – The Finish Line!
Providence is once again partnering with PCPC for Vacation Bible School. This summer will be a race to the finish line at Park Cities Presbyterian Church from 9 am to 12 noon on June 6th-9th. Children (age 5 by September 1st through rising 4th graders) and volunteers are invited to The Finish Line. There is also a nursery and pre-school program for volunteers’ children. Registration will begin early March at www.pcpc.org.

Nursing & Comforting Rooms for Families during Worship Hour
Providence has both a nursing room and a comforting room for families during the worship hour. These rooms are fully equipped with a sound system and volume control that allows for the service to be heard perfectly. The nursing room, #134, has a changing station and privacy blinds. The comfort (joy) room, #124, has a bin of toys and books to accommodate toddlers and other children who could be a disturbance in service. Both rooms are in the same hallway as the church offices. We encourage families to make use of these rooms as they are intended to be a help to all church attendees in allowing the Word of the Lord to be clearly heard and reflected upon during worship.

Worship activity bags for children are located on hooks to the right of the children desk.
Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship* 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Minister: Praise be to you, O LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Minister: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
All: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Hymns *

Come, Christians, Join to Sing  | No. 302

Stanzas 1-5

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll descend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
Oh heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

For the Beauty of the Earth  | No. 116

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flow'res of earth and buds of Heaven.

Refrain

Spring Bible Studies at PPC

Men’s Studies

Building Your Devotional Life
Offered: Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am
Taught by Howard Luber

How’s your devotional life? That is a convicting question few of us want to hear (or answer). To be sure, part of the problem is time. We all live busy lives and quiet moments are hard to come by. But, a bigger challenge for many of us is what to do during this devotional time. Do we just read a passage of Scripture? There is certainly nothing wrong with that. But, often we find ourselves lacking the next step beyond hearing the word, and that is applying the word. If you resonate with questions like these and if you’re looking for a good way to jumpstart your devotional life please join us on Wednesday mornings at 7 am so that we can encourage each other in this much neglected spiritual privilege.

Friday Morning Bible Study
Offered: Friday mornings at 7:30 am
Taught by David Rea

This winter and spring our focus will be on the fascinating, and often enigmatic, book of Zechariah. Consider joining us for a devotional study of the book many view as the Old Testament precursor to Revelation.

Ladies’ Studies

In the Beginning, Genesis
Offered: Monday nights at 7:30 pm, AND
Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am with childcare provided
10 lessons in selected passages taught by Trish Luber

Genesis is a book of beginnings. In it we learn about creation, God, our relationships with others, and our salvation - everything begins in Genesis. Yet it is no dry textbook, in it we see accounts of the earthy and epic lives of the families of people like Abraham and Joseph – primary, universal, and heart captivating. Please go to the church website or email Trish Luber (tluber@tx.rr.com) to sign up.

Ephesians: A Pursuit of Identity in Christ and Unity with Believers
Offered: Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am with childcare provided
Taught by Alyson Averitt

Ephesians beautifully and succinctly flushes out many of the deep truths about who Jesus is and what he has done, and gives insight into what it means to walk worthy of Christ in love as believers. In it, Paul reminds us of how to live as part of God’s family in unity, belonging to one another, and how we can practically, daily, stand ready to wage war against sin in our lives. Paul takes time to discuss some of the most important relationships we have here on earth and reminds us of how to honor God in them. Please go to the church website or email Alyson Averitt (alyson averitt@providencedallas.com) to sign up.

Youth Studies

6th-8th Grade Bible Study
Every other week immediately following Sunday worship (11:45 am to 1:30 pm)
Taught by Brent Horan

We will have lunch together (provided) and then dive deep into the waters of Proverbs and Hebrews. This has proven to be a great time of fellowship and challenging study. If you are in high school, please plan to join us!
9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

On Being a Winsome Witness

In room #136, facilitated by Will Thomas

Have you ever wanted to explain the hope found in Jesus more clearly and confidently? Join us as we become more equipped as a winsome witness of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you’re just joining now, you won’t feel behind as each lesson is self-contained, and we are just now covering various ways to articulate the gospel in a variety of situations. An upcoming class will help us refine our testimo-

ny. We will then address specific audiences like coworkers, neighbors, family, children and even haters! Questions on subjects to be covered? Want to get in on the mid-week class review email? Contact Will Thomas at w.c.thomas@gmail.com.

Esther & Ruth

In the church sanctuary; taught by David Rea

Esther: Within the Bible, Esther is a story unlike any other, with a charm all its own. “In Esther, unsubtle villains meet with brutal fates; proud portions are fully vindicated; lovely heroines retain the affection of all; and old, dim-witted monarchs are there to be used by all.” But Esther is more than just a good story with literary panache; it is also a distinctively theological work that culminates in the person and work of Christ.

Ruth: Today we discuss the story and message of the book of Ruth in light of the book’s place in redemptive history. This brief story of an unsuspecting young Gentile woman develops the important biblical themes of the promised land, the inclusion of Gentiles in redemption, and the line of the seed of the woman. In these ways and others, the book of Ruth is a story of redemption, redemption which culminates in Ruth’s descendant, Jesus Christ. Please consider joining us!

The Epistle to the Hebrews

In room #135; taught by Nate Libby - Sunday School Class for Young Adults

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs”. These are some of the richest words written in the New Testament to describe who Jesus is. This spring come and join us as we study the Epistle to the Hebrews and learn about who Jesus is in light of both the Old and the New Testaments.

6th-8th Grade Sunday School

In room #124, taught by Graham & Alyson Averitt, Brett & Shannon Owens

Many times, when someone asks where to begin reading their Bible, they receive the answer, “Start with the Gospel of John.” Well, the middle schoolers have the privilege of walking through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as written down by the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” John wrote these things so that one “may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. From John’s famous prologue to the great I Am statements to the beautiful appearances after the resurrection, the 6-8th graders are in for a treat!

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In room #134, taught by Brent Hans

We will be studying the longest of the gospels, Luke. Luke tells that his goal was the write an “ordely account,” and that is exactly what we have in his gospel. We will find the fullest account of Christ’s birth and such parables as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, which are only found in Luke’s gospel. As with the two on the road to Emmaus, we will learn about Jesus, and how he suffered, but was raised and entered his glory.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

CONFESION OF FAITH

1 John 4:7-11

Minister: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

All: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Minister: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

All: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

TRIMETRON

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.

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All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and quick to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, and my sullen conscience. I am blind while your grace shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and help me to repent of my unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, and gaze on thee. Enable me, by your Spirit, to grow in grace so that there may be more fervor in my devotion and more constancy in my zeal. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:
Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

INTERCESSIONARY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Nate Libby

MUSICAL OFFERING

Children’s Time

During the musical offering, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary by the children’s desk. They will go to the adult Sunday school wing for a brief lesson. Teachers will return with the children during the hymn of response. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents as they exit.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12.9-13

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

SERMON

The Marks of a Christian

Rev. Brent Horan

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Nothing but the Blood  |  No. 307

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone- nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done- nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace- nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness- nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper together, finding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents:

Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it. The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.

The Lord’s Table

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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During the bread

Be Still, My Soul  |  No. 689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Beast patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s parent joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

During the cup

Instrumental PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  |  No. 342

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Minister: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.