



the **INVITATION**

Hands-On Hosanna!

Palm Sunday, March 25, 12:15pm

Come to the Fellowship Hall following worship on Palm Sunday, March 25, for **Hands-On Hosanna**, a time of creating Easter keepsakes and sharing yummy treats with family & friends!

This special afternoon celebrates the joys of Easter and is hands-on fun for all ages. Why "Hosanna"? Hosanna is an expression of adoration, praise, or joy, and was exclaimed by the people coming out to meet Jesus with palm branches as He traveled to Jerusalem, John 12:12-13.

We'd love to have your help with this event! Contact Connie Salter, 757-288-2072, to volunteer or for more information. See you at Hands-On Hosanna!



**Holy Week
Worship
Opportunities**

**MARCH 25
Palm Sunday**
11:00am - Sanctuary

**MARCH 29
Maundy Thursday**
7:00pm - Sanctuary

**MARCH 30
Good Friday**
7:00pm - Sanctuary

**APRIL 1
Easter Sunday**
7:00am - Courtyard
11:00am - Sanctuary

THE 2018 SOUP & ROLLS SERIES

Nearly a decade ago, Phyllis Tickle wrote a book called *The Great Emergence*. Tickle observed that massive transitions in the church seemed to happen every 500 years or so (the Great Schism, the Reformation, etc.). Her book looks at social upheaval, existing culture and current events as they relate to the future of the church in America.

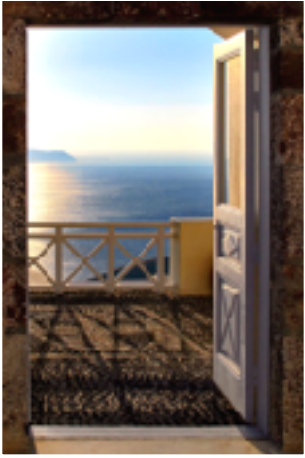
This year, you're invited to join us as we consider the future of the mainline church during the Lenten season's Soup & Rolls Series. To help us best move towards the path of our calling, we'll spend the Wednesdays of Lent examining where we are, where we're going and who we're being called to be in God's Kingdom.

During Lent, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for our traditional Soup & Rolls programming based on the 21st Century Reformation starting at 6:00pm.

March 7 "Emergence 101" During this session, we'll take some time to hear Phyllis Tickle begin to explain what this new look at theology is all about and discuss what it might mean for Providence.

March 14 "How Shall We Live?" We'll hear from Phyllis Tickle once again, as she tackles what faith in America will look like in the future. We'll discuss Tickle's presentation before answering some questions that will help us adjust to the 21st Century Reformation.

March 21 "Landing the Plane" On this final Wednesday of Soup & Rolls, we'll wrap up what we've heard during previous Soup & Rolls events and talk specifically about changes that we might need to consider to be engaging not just for ourselves (*the tribe*) but for all who might be called to be a part of PPC in the future.



Jesus told them: *“Take nothing for the journey — no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.”* (Luke 9:3)

What was Jesus talking about? *“Take nothing for the journey”*? This is the complete opposite to all we believe about the need for self-care and economic responsibility. It’s one of those instances in which Jesus could have used the help of a public relations specialist.

Just take a look at some of the outrageous statements Jesus made when he was becoming a public sensation. Luke reports that “large crowds” were turning out to Jesus’ events. Now, you or I might have done something strategic and given them a welcome bag with literature about the church and peanuts and such. Not Jesus!

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, even their own life — such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27)

Wow! What are you doing, Jesus? You have what every church prays for — not an empty seat to be had. Now, just when we expect you to explain what you really meant by the word hate, you go on to state emphatically, *“In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples”* (v. 33). A decision to follow Jesus clearly calls for a radical lifestyle adjustment. All-in, or nothing!

So, are you all-in? What are you willing to sacrifice to be part of God’s miracles in the world? Miracles come with a cost. When Jesus told his disciples that the impending hour of his sacrifice had come, he also reminded them, *“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”* He went on to remind them, and us: *“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be”* (John 12:24, 26).

Where is Jesus today? We experience him with the world’s hungry, the thirsty, the migrant worker, the naked and the prisoner. *“Truly I tell you,”* said Jesus, *“whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40).

Serving Jesus is both costly and sacrificial. We’re not saved to wait passively for heaven but to be the channels through which God’s miraculous resources are released on earth. Miracles happen when our human initiative walks alongside God’s divine intervention.

See you in Church!



THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

Thursday, MARCH 1

6:30pm Men's Fellowship

Sunday, MARCH 4

Third Sunday of Lent

8:45am Merry Bells Rehearsal

9:45am Discipleship Classes

11:00am Worship & Communion

Monday, MARCH 5

6:00pm Venture Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Committee Chair Meeting

7:30pm Committee Meetings

Tuesday, MARCH 6

7:00pm The Why Team Prayer Group

7:30pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday, MARCH 7

6:00pm Soup and Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, MARCH 8

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, MARCH 9

Couples' Retreat

Saturday, MARCH 10

Couples' Retreat



Sunday, MARCH 11

Couples' Retreat

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:45am Discipleship Classes

11:00am Worship

Monday, MARCH 12

7:00pm Session Teleconference

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, MARCH 13

10:00am Dorcas Circle

7:00pm The Why Team Prayer Group

7:30pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday, MARCH 14

9:45am Mary & Martha Circle

6:00pm Soup and Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, MARCH 15

Newsletter Deadline

7:00pm Care Team

Saturday, MARCH 17

9:00am Courtyard Graces

Sunday, MARCH 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:45am Merry Bells Rehearsal

9:45am Discipleship Classes

11:00am Worship

12:15pm PP Women's Council Team

Monday, MARCH 19

6:00pm Venture Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, MARCH 20

7:00pm The Why Team Prayer Group

7:30pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday, MARCH 21

ODU Ministry Meal Drop Off

6:00pm Soup and Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, MARCH 24

6:00pm Italian Dinner

Sunday, MARCH 25

Palm Sunday

8:45am Merry Bells Rehearsal

9:45am Discipleship Classes

11:00am Worship

12:15 pm Hands on Hosanna

Monday, MARCH 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, MARCH 27

7:00pm The Why Team Prayer Group

7:30pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday, MARCH 28

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, MARCH 29

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Mandy Thursday Service

Friday, MARCH 30

Good Friday

7:00pm Good Friday Service

BIRTHDAYS

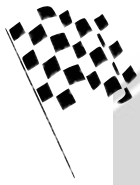
03/01 Wendi Thomas
03/01 Ben Schroeder
03/01 Nancy Lindgren
03/01 Erin Flynn
03/02 Sue Bell
03/04 Jim Lytle
03/04 Abbi Boose
03/05 Beryl Fisher
03/05 Ted Salter
03/06 Jasmine Stewart

03/07 Cheul Kang
03/07 Mike Polychroni
03/09 Jonathan Hyslop
03/09 Dianne Stockmeier
03/10 Alice Sherman
03/10 Mary Ann Cook
03/14 Lisa Snell
03/15 Mike Flynn
03/17 Bob Sivigny
03/17 Frances Edwards

03/17 Marty Stephenson
03/18 Erin Sullivan
03/24 Bill Parker
03/24 Sue Gonzalez
03/25 Christine Ussery
03/27 Blake Birdwell
03/30 Gary Reese
03/31 Jessica Dorsch
03/31 Caitlin Dorsch
03/31 Nadine Olenych

Want to have some fun?

Form a team and sign up for the **Providence Road Rally!**



Want to have some fun? On Saturday, April 28 from 3:00-7:30, your team will compete in a friendly, fun outing solving clues and puzzles, driving from the church to a hidden destination. Along the way you'll get to know each other better, test your knowledge of trivia and history, and - well - have fun! The cost of the Road Rally is \$15.00 per person (that pays for dinner at the hidden destination). You can sign up as a team, or as a couple, or as a single and we'll pair you with others looking to match wits and have a blast! A list of items that might help you along your way will be posted in the April newsletter.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources and Changing Lives

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster

response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 1. Make checks payable to Providence Presbyterian with an indication for OGHS. Envelopes for this purpose may be found in your box of offering envelopes.



Mission Project Day Success!



PROVIDENT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Mission Project Day

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Dinner and especially all the support we received for the event. Also, a special thanks to Marty Moore for the acoustical guitar music.

March 1st – Dinner at Providence – Howard Boose coordinating. Please join us on Thursday March 1st for dinner and fellowship at Providence. Topics for discussion are the upcoming events: Aberdeen Barn Dinner, community project, Workcamp projects, and future events.

April 4th – Dinner at Aberdeen Barn – Tracy Gilbert coordinating. Over the past 5-6 years, Aberdeen Barn Restaurant has been gracious to provide food at Providence for our youths fund raising opportunity for Workcamp and we thought it would be a good idea to give back to them. So we are looking to go there for dinner and invite your spouse or significant other. More information will be provided as we get closer.

May 5th – Breakfast out and a community project - Kevin Daley coordinating.

June 7th – Cookout at Providence

If you have any questions or would like more information please Contact Kevin Daley at (757) 572-3977.

Come join us for the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship and Conferences!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us for a season of reflection and preparation as we anticipate the celebration of Easter. ***"Who is this Man?"***, a 5 part video series by John Ortberg, will examine the irrefutable impact Jesus has had on civilization and human hearts. Join us in the Media room Sunday mornings at 9:45 through March 25th. We will examine how His life and teaching simply drew people to follow him. Starting in a humble place, in a spirit of love and acceptance, His saving mission continues to challenge us today.

Lenten Discipleship Study



Sunday Mornings
February 25 - March 25
9-9:45am in the Media Room



Beginning this month on Communion Sunday, March 4, when we break bread to nourish our souls, we are asking the congregation to share in feeding our community. Please join us by bringing a food item, or two, on Communion Sundays (typically the first Sunday of each month) to help stock the food pantry of our partner, the Catholic Church of St. Mark. Providence Presbyterian assists St Mark's with food collections and support through volunteers and together we help feed those in need in our community. Please place your donations in the designated baskets in front of sanctuary prior to or after Sunday morning worship service.



Could You Use Some **R&R**?

The OBX Couples' Retreat has One Opening!

When one couple canceled their reservation due to a family event, we had an opening for one more couple to participate in the PPC OBX Couples' Retreat which will take place from Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, 2018. We'll be staying at The Hampton Inn & Suites in Corolla (which is where we stayed last year).

The purpose of this weekend is to relax and spend time focusing on relationships with our spouses and God. We will not spend time sharing soul-bearing testimonies of marital difficulty. This weekend has been designed to allow us to reconnect with our spouses through a series of short plenary sessions and lots of time to work on retreat material, read a book or just enjoy the kinds of conversations that we used to have before we were married.

Snacks will be provided for all gatherings. The hotel provides breakfast and a list of excellent Outer Banks restaurants for lunch and dinner.

If you would like to attend or if you have thoughts or questions, please contact Billy Ricketts (familylife@provpres.org or 289-9763 text/phone).



More Applicants Needed for **FREE** Home Repairs!

This is the last month to find repairable homes for Workcamp as all paperwork must be turned in at the beginning of April so that materials can be ordered. We have received approximately 85 applications for repairs, however, we are not able to perform some of the work the residents have applied for. To fulfill our obligations, we are required to find 70-80 homes for the campers to work on which include items such as; interior/exterior painting, weatherization, step repair, wheel chair ramp construction/repair, porch repair/construction and mobile home repairs. We are not allowed to do plumbing, electrical, or HVAC repairs. We have made efforts to secure applicants by passing on applications to individuals and organizations as well as made applications available online, in the church office and on the Workcamp bulletin board. If you are interested in the free repairs or know someone who needs repairs to their home, we encourage you and others to apply.



Virginia Beach - June 24 - 30th

Thank you again for your continued prayers for this great event. For more information contact Kevin Daley at workcampvb@provpres.org, or (757) 572-3977.

Attention: High School Seniors

Providence Presbyterian College Scholarship

Application Forms
are available in the office or online at
www.provpres.org/resources/forms.

Scholarship Application
deadline is April 15, 2017

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please e-mail newsletter items
no later than the 15th of each month for the following
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