

# Opportunities

**The Worship Committee and Session have decided to bring our 8:30 Sunday worship service to a close.** The last week this service will be offered will be Sunday, March 26. It began as a way for people to feel safe coming back after COVID, providing an additional Sunday service, thus allowing our worshippers to spread out. As we have moved away from other COVID protocols, in April we will move away from this early service. We encourage you to join us weekly at 11:00 in joyful worship. Thanks for your understanding. If you have questions, please see **Libby**.

**Lenten Devotional** - Are you interested in taking on an intentional time of prayer and reflection this Lent? The Christian Life Ministry Team has purchased a Lenten devotion and wants to share it with all of you for use in your own private prayer and daily bible reading. The study, titled *Inward Work for Outward Living* is a digital document that will be shared each week. It contains daily bible verses, a short reflection, and prayer. It is designed to allow you to take a few moments of quiet reflection each day **from February 26 to April 9**. Look for the readings in the Friday blast. A few paper copies will be available in the Narthex for those without computer access.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** - Parents, the children will be participating in the OGHS Offering this year. During Enrichment today, they will be given "Gracie the Fish" Boxes and a Parent Guideline to help you explain the offering to them. The children will return the Fish Boxes on **April 2** during the Time with Children for dedication.

**PPC Youth** - All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to join the PPC youth group **Sunday, February 26 from 5 pm - 7 pm** in the fellowship hall to help plan our youth-led worship service and have some fun and fellowship. Please bring dinner if you'd like and leave cell phones at home. For more information, please contact **Ashley at ashdogger@me.com**.

**Annual Chili Cook-Off 2023** - Fellowship will host a chili cook-off on **today**, following 11:00 am worship. For more information, please contact Chris Bauman at **cbauman@alumni.psu.edu**.

**Providence Preschool Fundraiser Night** – Support Providence Preschool on **Tuesday, February 28**, when you order from **Panda Express (located at 808 Lynnhaven parkway) from 10:30 am – 9:00 pm**. Just go to [pandanexpress.com](https://pandanexpress.com) or the app and enter the code: **349329** in the fundraiser code box. You can also download the flyer and show it on your smartphone. Order ahead or on the event day. 20% of the proceeds will benefit our preschool. For more information, please contact Brooke at **preschool@provpres.org**.

**Soup and Rolls** - Our Lenten study begins **Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm**, in the fellowship hall. We will share a meal of soup and rolls provided by the participants. Each week we will explore a specific spiritual practice. Register online or on the sign-up bulletin board to let us know what you can bring for the meal.

**Courtyard Graces** - Come on out for some gardening and fellowship. We will meet on **Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 am**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Jane Pritchett at gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com**.

**PW Mission Project Day** - Women are invited to our Mission Project Day Scheduled for **Saturday, March 11, 9 am - 2 pm**. Lunch will be provided. We will make items to be used in missions throughout the year. Our focus this project day will be on making foster care bags, origami cranes, making more prayer shawls and filling necessity bags for residents at a nursing home. We are currently collecting items for the nursing home bags. Please see items needed list on the collection box in the narthex. Register yourself and a friend online or at the church by **March 8**. For more information, please contact **Cecilia Daley at PPW@provpres.org**.

**Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership Award** - Each year we honor an exceptional woman in our congregation. Nomination forms are available online and in the brochure stands in the narthex and foyer. The forms may be completed and returned to Cecilia Daley or the office **by March 12**. Please nominate a Providence woman who 1) by word and deed is an example of servant leadership; 2) is active at Providence; 3) has provided leadership in our church in a number of roles (committee or Session member, in outreaches, etc.); and 4) participates in the worship and study opportunities at Providence (Sunday School, Kirk Night, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact **Cecilia at ppw@provpres.org**.

**Providence Family Lenten Workshop** – **Sunday, March 19** in the fellowship hall, after the 11:00 am worship service. Join us for a family Lenten workshop. We will celebrate the Easter season with Providence friends, eating yummy lunch treats and creating wonderful Easter crafts for our homes and friends. RSVP online or on the sign-up sheet by the fellowship hall. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Sue Crosland, suecrosland2940@outlook.com** or **Connie Salter at seasaltcpa@cox.net**.

**Boys Scouts Troop 12 Spring Mulch Sale** - Troop 12 is taking orders for Vigoro bagged mulch (2cu.ft) delivered right to your driveway on Sunday, April 1 or Sunday, April 2. Your orders support the troop's camping and program expenses. You may find the order form in the brochure stands or online. **Orders are due on Monday, March 27**.

**Patty Landrum Butterfly Scholarships** - Applications for the Butterfly Scholarships are now available for high school seniors, students currently enrolled in college or Christian based post graduate studies, and those who intend to enroll in Christian based collegiate or vocational studies this fall. Those who qualify must be an active member of Providence Presbyterian and **submit an application by Saturday, April 15, 2023**. Application forms are available in the church office.

**Patty Landrum Butterfly Grants** - Applications for Butterfly Grants are available to organizations outside the membership of Providence. These grants must be used for scholarships of students within its organization. Application forms are available in the church office and must be submitted by **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

**Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs** - you are encouraged you to consider how God may be calling you to volunteer your time and love at Providence? We are looking for loving adults to assist and teach in all areas, from our youngest to our oldest disciples. We promise to provide materials, support, training and prayers; you provide your time and love! As you prayerfully consider how God wants to use you, remember the questions that we as a congregation answer each time a member of Christ's church is baptized - Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture (child's name) by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him/her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? We particularly need volunteers for Sunday mornings during worship for our Little Lambs and Enrichment and also to work with our Youth on Sunday evenings at 5 pm to assist Ashley Schroeder! Questions and to volunteer contact **Connie Salter, seasaltcpa@cox.net or Sue Crosland, suecrosland2940@outlook.com**

**PPC Youth Group/"gotsneakers?"** - The PPC Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to participate in their sneakers recycling program to help save our planet and raise money for Work Camp 2023! "gotsneakers?" is an organization that recycles and reuses sneakers thereby keeping sneakers out of landfills and reducing the need for manufacturing new sneakers. They pay groups like ours to collect them. We invite you to donate any sneakers you are no longer using! Please put pairs of sneakers only (no other types of shoes please) in the bins in the back foyer and narthex. We will package and send them to "gotsneakers?" who will pay us per pair. We have collected 114 pairs of sneakers so far so have kept that many pairs out of landfills. Thank you! Please consider asking your neighbors if they have any to contribute. All proceeds will help pay for us to attend Work Camp in Wrightsville, PA in June 2023. Thanks in advance!

**Check Out the Church Library!** - Parents, stop by the library with your children and help them check out a book to take home. In the library there are extra copies of the book "Letters to Pastor Jeff" that the children created. Some parents have expressed an interest in having a copy. Please make your payment to Valetta Fellenbaum for \$25.00. The library is open on Sundays before and after church. Make your selection, sign and date the checkout card, and place it in the box on the table next to the door.

**Food Pantry** - We are collecting items to be delivered to the **St. Mark's Food Pantry**. There is a list of items on the collection box. This is merely a suggested list. They will accept all unexpired food items. Place items in the labeled bin in the narthex and foyer of the church. You may also donate via check in lieu of items. If you choose to do so, please write "Food Pantry" in the memo of the check and send it to the church or leave it in the collection plate at Sunday service. For further information, please contact **Laureen Simmons at (757)479-2400. Just as the cost of food has increased, so has the cost of the brown paper bags used to deliver the food to recipients. Gather up your brown paper grocery bags and donate them in the same bin as the groceries. Please, remember to bring food on Communion Sunday for our partnership with St. Mark's Food Pantry.**

*I want to thank all of you, my Providence Presbyterian church family, for your support following my bicycle crash on 12 January. Your prayers and cards greatly helped my mental attitude while "edibles" certainly helped repair my broken ribs and collar bone. Finally, the Prayer Shawl Ministry's wonderful prayer shawl helped both my mental and physical recovery. Thanks! Larry Walter (statement highly endorsed by Becky.)*

*Thanks a lot to the congregation for the great Valentine's box I received at college last week. It's nice to hear from home! Love, Ben Schroeder*

# Today

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## **Sunday, February 26**

*Elder Ordination*

8:30 am - Early Worship

9:30 am - Discipleship

10:30 am - Choir Warmup

11:00 am - Worship/zoom worship

*Baptism*

11:15 am - Enrichment

12:00 pm - Chili Cook-off

5:00 pm - Youth Group

# This Week

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## **Tuesday, February 28**

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

## **Wednesday, March 1**

6:00 pm - Soup & Rolls

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

## **Sunday, March 5**

*Communion Sunday*

8:30 am - Early Worship

9:30 am - Discipleship

10:30 am - Choir Warmup

11:00 am - Worship/zoom worship

11:15 am - Enrichment

5:00 pm - Youth Group

# Sermon Notes

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**Matthew 4:1-11**

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## *Today's Baptism*



*Jonathan & Sarah Hyslop  
are presenting their daughter,  
Penelope Jane  
for baptism today!*

