

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PROVIDENCE

We welcome you to the worship of Almighty God. Providence is an evangelical, conservative Christian church. Our hallmarks are joy, friendliness, and Christian zeal. If you are a visitor, we hope that you will sense the joy and spiritual energy that our church family shares. Our hope is that you will experience the Living God in this place. We invite you to join with us in our mission to **CAUSE GOD JOY!**

We have **large-print copies of today's bulletin and hymns** and wireless receivers, if you have difficulty hearing. Please ask an usher or inquire at the table in the Narthex. **Nursery is offered for infants and Children's Church for children 4 years old - 5th grade in the Mills Building during worship.** If you prefer to worship as a family, the Narthex is equipped with speakers if your infant should grow restless. **Copies of our Providence Lenten Devotional and *Our Daily Bread* devotional books are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.**

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
The Perez Family,
in celebration of Lily's 6th birthday and in appreciation of
Chris and Jeannelle Benek.

<u>Today in worship:</u>	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Jenny & Carroll Meseke	Rochelle & Levon Jones April Fisher
Visitor Angels	Barbara & Tom Arnold	Patsy & Charles Perry
Head Usher	Mike Brock	Merle Buck
Ushers	Lori Brock Oscar Sosa Sandra Sosa	Barbara Arnold Tom Arnold Charles Perry
Youth Ushers	Evan Cotter Raechel Schroeder	Fisher Smith Morgan Smith
Acolytes	Raechel Schroeder	Morgan Smith
Children's Church	Theresa Lacey	Kim Smith
Beadle	Sonja Gorman	Dick Foster
Stephen Ministers		Doris Facchiano

Stephen Ministers assisting Dr. Lifer with notes following the services today are Fred Ludtke and Charles Perry.

We Invite You to Join Us. If you are interested in joining our faithful Providence Family, please speak with Dr. Lifer or Dr. Armistead following worship, or call the church office (842-5673).

Providence Media Outreach: Today's sermon is available on CD immediately following the service, outside the Narthex on the CD cart. A donation of \$5 is requested. DVDs of today's entire service will be available in the church office Monday afternoon. Call Jenny Douglas in the church office, (842-5673), or order online at www.CauseGodJoy.com.

STEWARDSHIP

WE KNOW JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR - WE KNOW HIM AS FRIEND AND COMPANION. Today, let's consider him as a steward, as one who fulfilled His mission as an earthly servant with a heavenly frame of mind. Toward the end of His physical life, Jesus offered the following prayer to God: "I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do." John 17:4. At our time of judgment, hopefully, we can say with Jesus, "I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Nursery, 9 a.m. to noon: "Our Little Blessings" Nursery provides a Christian experience for ages 0-3 and is located in the Mills Building.

PARENTS! Please sign your children in outside the Mills Chapel.

3 year olds - 1st grade in the Alligator Room with Mrs. Cheryl Pruehs and Mrs. Janet Murray.

2nd-4th grades are in the Creation Room with Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Sara Kurtz.

5th - 6th grades are in the Movie Room with Mrs. Cindy Foster.

7th-12th grades are in the Mills Conference Room with Mrs. Johnna Marbut.

Adult Class in Fellowship Hall - Dr. Lifer will provide ministry updates, including from recent meetings with Presbytery. He will also introduce a few highlights from the Holy Land Pilgrimage group.

Robbie and Don Leech's class is now meeting in the Mills Chapel. Join them as they study the book of Nehemiah.

Parenting Class with Suzanna Johnston and Mike Armistead - Join us in the Parlor as we study the book, *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel.

Seekers & Joiners class in the Library. Dr. Lifer will lead today.

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

High School Youth: Join us this afternoon from 4-6 p.m. in the Youth Center and enjoy good food and fellowship with our hosts: the visiting Youth Group from Olivet Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana. Come meet our guests and enjoy games on the beach.

SEEKERS & JOINERS Dinner Program is this Tuesday, March 23rd 5:15 - 8:15 p.m. Call the church office to make your reservation (842-5673) if you are interested in finding out more about Providence or joining our church family. Also, all Seekers & Joiners are invited to a special Sunday School Class in the library, in the Administrative Building, at 10:10 a.m. today and next Sunday, March 28th.

LOGOS Musical and Youth Pasta! Pasta! Pasta! Fundraiser THIS WEDNESDAY! We would love to have our entire congregation join our family ministry for an evening of entertainment and great food...all for a great cause! At 5:15 p.m., our LOGOS children will perform their Spring musical. Following their performance, at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to the annual Pasta! Pasta! Pasta! Fundraiser to benefit our youth mission trip. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids 6-12 and FREE for kids 5 and under.

LOGOS Extended! Children's Ministry has great news! We are going to keep our Midweek Miracle, LOGOS, going through the month of April. Our new end date will be on April 28. See you there! If you have questions please call Director of Children's Ministries, Jill Farrar at the church office, 842-5673 or Elder of Children's Ministries, Jennifer Jenkins @ 384-6877.

GRANNIES' LAPS needs people to come play with and rock babies here at Providence Children's Center on Mondays and/or Thursdays in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. For more information, call Carolyn Ogren at 671-5677.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, (NEXT SUNDAY!) March 28 - It's almost here! Please mark your calendars for the annual Easter Egg Hunt following our 11 a.m. service. Parents, please accompany your children to the Mills Chapel following the service. After the directions are given, kids will be dismissed to find the eggs! Don't forget to bring your own baskets and bags! If you have any questions, please call Director of Children's Ministries, Jill Farrar at the church office, 842-5673.

Join Sr. Pastor Martin Lifer on **Holy Thursday (April 1), 5:15-6:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall** for a special presentation: ***Holy Land Highlights for Holy Week (Blessings from Our Providence Holy Land Pilgrimage)***. Pastor Lifer will share photos and group highlights from a few of the places the Providence Pilgrimage Group visited in February - particularly some of the places directly related to Holy Week and the Good News of Jesus. We will also be serving our Simple Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall on Holy Thursday (Choir 5:45-6:15 p.m./ All Others 6:15-6:45 p.m.), and the dinner will be followed by our Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

So, for a very special evening of learning, fellowship, celebration, and worship of The Lamb of God, plan to join us Holy Thursday for:

***Holy Land Highlights for Holy Week* (5:15-6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall)**

Simple Soup Supper (6:15-6:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall) and

Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:00 p.m. Sanctuary)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will be taking a special offering, above our regular tithing and gifts, to help Tom Braak, who works with Faith in Action International in Haiti. This gift will be in addition to what we have already sent to Tom and 3 other groups in Haiti following the earthquake. There will be envelopes in the pews which you may use for the offering. Please give your gift by writing *Tom Braak-Faith in Action International* on the memo line.

You Can Make A Difference! The widows (1,050) orphans (5,000) and vulnerable babies (40) who are registered with the Ministry of Hope need the following: 450 sewing kits for the widows program; cloth diapers, plastic pants, short and tall baby bottles (with nipples) for the vulnerable babies in two Crisis Nurseries, and monetary donations to purchase medicine for the Mobile Medical Clinic and other needed supplies, all of which can be purchased cheaper in Lilongwe, Malawi. Please make your check payable to Providence and write Malawi on the memo line. You can sign up to make a sewing kit outside the Narthex today. If you are making a sewing kit and cannot find the thread packet, please put the other sewing items plus \$1.50 in your bag. Return your sewing kit to the plastic tubs in the Narthex or Administrative Building. Thank you.

Matthew 26:18b [Jesus] says: "My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." What is Passover? Why celebrate it? Why do Jews all over the world, whether observant or not, still celebrate the Passover? And how did Passover change forever for believers in Jesus Christ? Join us on March 30th 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, to celebrate the Feast of Passover as Jesus did.

Women of Providence: Coming soon - HERE AND NOW - THERE AND THEN, a study of the book of Revelation by Beth Moore. Dates and times to be announced. Questions? Contact Alora McAlister at PPCBibleStudy@gmail.com.

Fourteenth Annual Christian Heritage Breakfast: This year's guest speaker, Lee Janzen, will share his inspiring story on Tuesday, April 13th, 7a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Shipyard. Make your reservations today to benefit the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Tickets are \$25 each or \$225 for a table of 10. Please make checks payable to Christian Heritage Breakfast, PO Box 3047, HHI, SC 29928 or call the CHB Hotline at 843-271-6710.

Are you SEARCHING for a way to give back to The Lord? Looking for a fun and easy way to get involved? *Join the Coffee Club today!* A simple 30 minutes on Sunday...nothing to buy or bring. Training and support will be provided and the schedule is flexible. Sign up today outside the Narthex or call Gloria Scott in the church office (842-5673) and tell her what date you would like to HELP!

Providence Presbyterian Church

March 21, 2010 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering Music *Lenten Hymn Preludes* M. Burkhardt
Greg Hollinger, Organist

Striking of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Introit *Thy Word* A. Grant & M. Smith

Call to Worship

* Hymn 12 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

* Prayers of Confession; Assurance of God's Grace Dr. Mike Armistead

** Praise *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Good News Update: Olivet Presbyterian Church Youth Dr. Martin Lifer

Time for Young Disciples Jeannelle Benek
Children's Church available for ages 4-5th grade in the Chapel in the Mills Building
(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time.)

* Hymn 815 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Offering the Gifts of our Life and Labor to the Lord

Offertory Music *Shine On, Great Savior* P. Choplin
Chancel Choir

Scripture 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 (Page 1209 in the pew Bible)

Trimester Theme: The WORD on the Word

Sermon *"Living Letters - by the Spirit, on the Heart"*
Dr. Martin Lifer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation and Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (sung together)
Distribution of the Bread (Please partake when served.)
Distribution of the Cup (Unfermented)
(Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink together.)
Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 368 (verse 1) *He Lives* ACKLEY

* Invitation to Christian Commitment

* Closing Prayer and Blessing

* Choral Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* W. Tomer

* Postlude *Psalm 150* D. Wagner
Greg Hollinger, Organist

* Those who are able, please stand

** Latecomer seating

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE

Monday, March 22, 2010

3:00 p.m. Granny's Laps (Room 5)
6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship (Mills Building)

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. ESL (Mills Building)
9:45 a.m. PCC Music (Mills Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Mission Committee (Library)
5:15 p.m. Seekers & Joiners (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Parlor)
9:30 a.m. PCC Chapel (Mills Chapel)
5:15 p.m. LOGOS Musical (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. PASTA! PASTA! PASTA! (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Men's Discipleship (Mills Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. ESTHER CIRCLE (Home of Ellie Jones)
(NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

11:30 a.m. Providence Prays (Library)
3:00 p.m. Grannies' Laps (Room 5)
3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Friday, March 26

NOON Building & Grounds (Fellowship Hall)

EASTER DAY SERVICES **IN THE SANCTUARY**

8:15 A.M. (PRAISE & WORSHIP)
9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. (TRADITIONAL)
6:29 P.M. (CONTEMPORARY)

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

Easter is April 4th! Donations are requested for Easter Lilies to celebrate Easter Sunday and to decorate our Sanctuary. Please send your check for \$12.50 per plant, payable to Providence, by March 26th.

Name _____

of Easter Lilies @ \$12.50 each _____ = Total \$ _____

I will pick up my Lily after worship on Easter.....YES_____ NO_____ (Make check out to Providence Church with "EASTER LILY" on the memo line.)

Cause God Joy

March 21, 2010

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Christopher Benek, *Associate Pastor of Family Ministries*
Rev. Dr. Mike Armistead, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Dr. Gerald Mills, *Pastor Emeritus*
Betty Shirley, *Lay Pastor serving at TidePointe*
Paul Elgin, *Director of Music Ministries*
Jill Farrar, *Director of Children's Ministries and Education*

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