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The Kingdom of Christ

January 24, 2021

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PPC FAMILY NEWS

TIME OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION - *Psalm 108:1, 2, 5*

SILCHESTER

Voices of Providence

*My heart is fixed, O God; I'll sing; my psalms I'll raise.
My soul shall sing; awake, O harp! At dawn I'll wake to praise.*

*Be Thou exalted far above the heav'ns, O God;
and let Thy glory be advanced o'er all the earth abroad.*

The Book of Psalms for Singing

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

All: *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face.*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: *The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: *The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.*

Psalm 24

INVOCATION

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Trinity 165

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

LYONS: Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
and still he is nigh - his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son,
all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Magnolia Skye Shaffer

VOWS FOR COVENANT BAPTISM

- 1 Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2 Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3 Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- 4 Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

SCRIPTURE READING

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh. "Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'" Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward. So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

2 Samuel 5:1-12

Awesome God

Rich Mullins; arr. J. Moser

Our God is an awe - some God, He reigns from
heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r and love Our God is an awe - some
God! Our God! Our God is a right - eous God and
gra - cious in all His works. Your saints shall bless you, Lord, our
God is an awe - some God. Our God Our
God is a right - eous God. Our God is an awe - some God.

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WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory

Glory to God

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Praise God forever and ever. Hallelujah! Amen!

¹*Praise God from the tallest sky. Praise God, all you hosts on high.*

²*Praise God from the earth below. Praise God, fire and wind and snow,*

Join now with a joyful voice. Praise God, all thee earth, rejoice.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 148:1-4,7-9. Adapted Hal H. Hopson. ©1997 by Hope Publishing Company

The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

John Milton, 1608-1684

Trinity 367

ST. MAGNUS: Attr. To Jeremiah Clarke, 1701

1. The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot-steps can - not err;
2. Truth from the earth, like to a flow'r, shall bud and blos - som then,
3. Rise, God, and judge the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;
4. For great you are, and won - ders great by your strong hand are done:

be - fore him righ - teous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger,
and jus - tice, from her heav'n - ly bow'r, look down on mor - tal men.
for you are he who shall by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
you in your ev - er - last - ing seat re - main the Lord a - lone.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Children 4 - 8 may be dismissed for "Kids' Bible College"

SERMON

Matthew 16:24-17:3^{NKJV}

Seeing the Kingdom Come

Dr. Ray E. Heiple, Jr.

- 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
- 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
- 28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."
- 1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;
- 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.
- 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Notes

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

From Psalm 22:27-30. *The Psalter*, 1912

Trinity 368

VISION: William H. Doane, 1832-1916

1. The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn un - to the
2. For his the king - dom, his of right, he rules the na - tions
3. Both rich and poor, both bond and free, shall wor - ship him on

Lord in fear; all kin - dreds of the earth shall own
by his might; all earth to him her hom - age brings,
bend - ed knee, and chil - dren's chil - dren shall pro - claim

and wor - ship him as God a - lone.
the Lord of Lords, the King of kings. All earth to him
the glo - rious hon - or of his name.

her hom - age brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Following the service, the elders will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.

Deacon of the Month: Dave Douglas

Gate Keeper: Brad McCarrell

Counters: Terry Caldwell and Greg Register

Greeters: Pat and Patty Martin

Live Stream Operator:

Liam Dion and Robin Heiple – Morning Worship Service

Adult/Youth Sunday School

***Social Justice Theory
and The Bible***

Pastor Ray Heiple
Sanctuary

Confirmation Class

Pastor Rick Appleton
Room 409

Schedule for Childcare This Sunday, January 24

Sunday School Nursery	Danny and Laura Priano	9:15 a.m.
Crib Room	David and Bethany Douglas	10:30 a.m.
Toddler Room	Dawn Butterworth and Lindsay Vander Wagen	10:30 a.m.
Kids Bible College	Dean and Nichole Falavolito	11:00 a.m.

Schedule for Childcare Next Sunday, January 31

Sunday School Nursery	Daniel and Caroline Richard	9:15 a.m.
Crib Room	Josh and Jess Scheidler	10:30 a.m.
Toddler Room	Kara-Mia, Grace, and Joy Appleton	10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 24

Sun.	Instruments of Providence	8:30 a.m.
	Voices of Providence warm-up	8:45 a.m.
	Sunday School for All Ages	9:15 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Kids' Bible College	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	Pickleball	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Pioneer Clubs	7:00 p.m.
	Trail Life	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Group	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	9:30 a.m.

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	Trail Life	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Group	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Presbytery Meeting Pilgrim PCA, Scottsdale Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	9:30 a.m.

Financial Update Through December

2020 Actual Giving	\$667,000
Previous Year Giving	\$684,000
2020 Budget	\$675,000
2020 Expenses	\$640,000
Actual Operational Expenses	\$628,000
Actual Capital Expenses	\$11,750
Williams Fund	\$23,474
Garrett Fund	\$15,947
Adoption Fund	\$3,352

Kids' Bible College

Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed before the Pastoral Prayer to attend Kids' Bible College.

Nursery Volunteers

We could use a few more people to volunteer for the nursery in all areas; Sunday School, Crib Room, Toddler Room, and Evening Service Nursery. If you would like to volunteer please see or email Caroline Richard at childcareprovidence@gmail.com.

Childcare Help Needed

The PPC Women's Ministry Council is seeking someone to provide childcare for Tuesday AM Bible Study each week from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This position pays \$25 per week and would run from February to May. Please contact PPCWomensMinistry@gmail.com if interested.

Gatekeeper Signup Sheet

The gatekeeper schedule for February and March is available on the desk in the foyer. Please sign up for the date you prefer. If you have any questions, please see Denny Stewart.

Christmas Cards

Don't forget to check the Christmas Card boxes, in the foyer, to see if you have any cards. We will keep the card boxes out until the end of January this year. Please call the church office if you have any questions, 412-788-6100.

Robinson Township Christian School

Enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at Robinson Township Christian School (RTCS). RTCS offers Preschool through 12th grade. Preschool and Kindergarten fill very quickly and enrollment is on a first come basis. If you have any questions or would like to take a tour, please call Bryan Campbell or Amy West at 412-787-5919, or visit our website at rtcs.org. We welcome our Providence family to join with us in educating our children to love and serve the Lord.

Providence Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel

Have you subscribed to the Providence Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel?

Not only do we offer Sunday Morning and Evening Worship Services but:

SOCIAL JUSTICE THEORY & THE BIBLE, Dr. Heiple's Sunday School Class is live streamed and available to view.

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WALKING WITH GOD, a Journey in Psalms with Pastor Heiple

And...

PASTOR RICK'S CATECHISM CHALLENGE

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Safe Families for Children

Our Volunteers have been working hard to support families by hosting kids, building relationships and providing tangible needs. You have Safe Families Volunteers in your Church Family. They need your support - here are some ways you can do that!



Prayer for the volunteers, the families we work with and the program's growth and direction.



Support Families in crisis by becoming a volunteer!
Learn more at:
<https://pittsburgh.safe-families.org/>



Donate at:
<https://safefamilies.funraise.org/fundraiser/safe-families-of-pittsburgh>



TWO DAYS after giving birth,

Lauren was arrested and sent to prison.

"I knew I wasn't ready to change my lifestyle, but I also knew my son deserved the best home. From my hospital bed, I Googled 'adoption agencies near me' and found Bethany Christian Services.

In a sea of bad decisions, that one good decision changed the whole trajectory of my life."

—LAUREN

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That's why we partner with crisis pregnancy centers across the country, helping thousands of women like Lauren choose life.

Learn how you and your church can help.

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(800) BETHANY**

Visit Bethany.org/Lauren
to hear Lauren's powerful
testimony in her own words.

PRAYER REMINDER

To become a prayer partner or place a prayer request with the **prayer chain**, please call or email Jan T. 412-787-1609, janandgerry6@verizon.net
Please notify the Church office by phone at 412-788-6100, or email at secretary@providencepgh.org if you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the **Bulletin Prayer Reminder**.

Members of PPC

Justin and Brittany B. praise, expecting in March
John and Annie H. praise, expecting in April
Nate and Jessie J. praise, expecting in April
 Lou M. prayer for recovery from COVID-19
 Bob P. prayer for continued recovery for arms, legs, and back to strengthen
Jake and Danielle S. praise, expecting in June
 Susan S. prayer for peace and contentment in God's perfect plan
 Gerry T. prayer for recovery from COVID-19
Rob and Gabrielle V. praise, expecting in April
 Barb Y. continued prayer for recovery from two fractures in her pelvis and a fractured sacrum

Friends of PPC

Eileen Diane J. sister – prayer for wisdom, strength, and encouragement; she is suffering from a virus (not COVID) and a severely depressed immune system
Daniel C. cousin of Brandon P. – prayer for treatment for lung cancer
Patty H. Eli and Betty Jane D. daughter – prayer for effective cancer treatment to remove new tumors

Bold and italic - new or recent request

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION: PART 2

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,
who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
Romans 8:1^{NKJ}*

Question 77 of the *Larger Catechism*, asks, "Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?" It gives the answer, "Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ, in sanctification his Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection." Last week we saw how God, in general, instantaneously justifies the believing sinner through the imputation of Christ's righteousness, and progressively sanctifies him by infusing grace into him throughout his life. This week we look at these actions of God with regard to the particulars mentioned in the question.

Remember, when we are talking about justification and sanctification, we are speaking of those works of God that He does in the life of every single believer – and only in the believer. There is no such thing as a person who experiences a momentary or temporal justification, or a partial or slight sanctification and then goes on to be excluded from salvation. All of the elect experience justification and some level of sanctification, for undergoing these things is being saved! As the *Catechism* declares, in justification God imputes the righteousness of Christ to the believing sinner. This means God counts or credits to the sinner that perfect righteousness that Jesus earned in His sinless life. The sinner, now accounted as righteous before God, is pardoned of all of his sins. Having been pardoned of his sin, the believing sinner is fully set free "from the revenging wrath of God." Jesus' death on the cross was a sin offering for all of His elect (Heb. 10:12; 1 Pet. 2:24).

If you are a believer today, it is because God poured out the wrath, which He really has for all of the sins you have or will ever commit, upon Jesus in your place. Therefore, when you were justified, which took place the moment you first believed in Jesus, you were set free from the wrath of God forever. You were set free. Once the verdict, "Not guilty but righteous" has been rendered to you on account of your faith in Christ, you are free. This being set free occurs right now, in this life, for you and every believer. No believer is or can be more or less free from God's wrath than another. It is full and perfect freedom. It is an equal benefit to all who are justified. You cannot be condemned by God ever again. As Romans 8:1a declares, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..."

In sanctification God infuses grace into the believer, enabling the believer to live out that grace. Thus, the difference between the two can be set forth as follows. In justification God acts once and, in a moment, and the work is completed and equal in all. God's work is not in the believer but to the believer. Justification is a declared change of status, not a change of heart or character. In sanctification God makes no declaration but begins and continues to work in the believing sinner to really and progressively effect heart or character change. As the *Catechism* states it, in justification God pardons the sinner. God says in effect, "You are forgiven. You are righteous." In sanctification however, God does not say anything, He simply sends His Spirit into the believer, not to pardon the guilt of sin but to subdue its power. This subduing of sin and enabling to the exercise of grace is a process in which the believer participates. It is never perfect in any – there is no believer who is without sin (Rom. 3:23). Neither is it the equal possession of any two Christians. We are all somewhere in the process of being sanctified. But it is progressive and growing in all believers. If you are a believer you will overcome sin, for "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world," (1 John 4:4). The believer "cannot sin (meaning he cannot live in any particular sin) because he has been born of God," (1 John 3:9). Thus, the entire verse at the head of this article, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus," that is, there is no condemnation to those who have been justified. And those who have been justified are being sanctified, that is, they "do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." By God's grace they are living out their faith: subduing sin and exercising obedience, imperfectly but truly. Praise God for His amazing grace of justification and sanctification!

Pastor Heiple

Reformed doctrine. Reverent worship. Real life.

In keeping with the Great Commission, Providence strives to be a transformed Christian community, centered in the worship of God and bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples, we endeavor to build vibrant lives, strong families, and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state, and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing them in the faith; equipping them for service, and deploying them effectively into all walks of life.



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