

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

July 16, 2020

Easing our way toward normal



The praise band is back; the congregation is back — at least one worship group.

As Laura Wilson and the Praise Band struck up a chorus of *When the Saints Go Marching In*, Providence worshippers came carefully back to the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12.

While three-quarters of the congregation worshipped via live Facebook video, Group 2 came masked and temperature-checked into the building — the first in-person worshippers since Covid struck our area in force in mid-March.

Under normal circumstances, a pastor might be disheartened to see a sanctuary full of empty rows.

But under these circumstances, just a handful of people prompted joyous celebration.

Each family in the congregation has been assigned to one of four groups, named 1 through 4 — a handy reminder of which Sunday of the month that group attends in person. That is, group 1 comes the first Sunday; group 2 the second, and so forth.

Congratulations to everyone in the congregation for being patient while we take these first baby steps toward the warm and welcoming, music-rich worship we all love.

RULES FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP

In-person worship includes these precautions:

- ** Attend only if you're feeling healthy.
- ** Check temperatures at the door
- ** Wear face coverings during the entire service.
- ** Practice social distancing before, during and after worship.
- ** Keep attendance to 30 or fewer people.
- ** No communion for the time being.
- ** No refreshments after worship.
- ** Order of worship projected instead of printed.
- ** Children's activities on hold for now.
- ** Offering plate at the rear of sanctuary rather than passed.
- ** Despite the temptation to sing out with Providential gusto, please hum or sing softly.

GROUP 3 — JULY 19

Andrews Family
Betty Blakeman
Hayes Family
Michelle Nall
Leslie Rey
Roxanne Smith
Piper Smith
Amy Westerberg
Jeny Williams

Not sure which group you're in?
Ready to join a worship group?

Call the church office
to be added to one of the groups.

In Other News: School, Masks, Study, Shower

GET READY FOR SCHOOL, BACKPACKS

Once again this year, Providence will sponsor a school supply drive for O'Rourke Elementary. So far, we don't know when school will start, but it's time to get ready.

If you'd like to participate, pick a child, buy a suitable backpack and fill it with the needed items. The supply list is available at church or on the O'Rourke website. Be sure to let Linda Proudfoot or Becky Baker know which child you wish to sponsor before buying supplies. When the backpack is ready, drop it off at church.

Also, if you know of someone who needs help with school uniforms, again, let Linda or Becky know.

GET READY FOR SCHOOL, MASKS

Get those sewing machines out again!

O'Rourke has asked us to provide 900 masks — about 100 for adults the rest for children. If you're able to help, contact Laura Anderson, and she will provide supplies.

SUMMER FICTION FUN

Our summer fiction is reading *At Home in Mitford*, the first novel in a series by Jan Karon.

Aim to read chapters 2 through 7 for July 22.

Like us, Father Tim and his congregation try to be the people God wants them to be in the place God wants them to be.

For the next few Wednesdays, we'll follow the people of Mitford and think about living the Christian life wherever God leads us.

Nedra Bloom is leading the group, which meets (masked) in the narthex at 10:30 a.m and 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

If you need a book, let Nedra or Wanda Green or the church office know.

Reluctant to attend in person? You can still participate. Just let Nedra know and we'll keep you in the loop.

DRIVE-BY BABY SHOWER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, AT 10:30 A.M.

We'll welcome the newest member of the Clark family with a Drive-By Baby Shower.

Here's what baby Hawkins, son of Charlie and Haley, needs:

Clothes, size 6 months and above; diapers size 2 and up; a diaper genie or similar, plus refills; a wipe warmer, and children's books.

We'll bring our gifts, drive under the portico (masked, of course) and drop them off.

CHECK YOUR

PROVIDENTIAL PERSPICACITY

AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FEATURE IN HONOR OF THE 30TH BIRTHDAY OF PROVIDENCE

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

While Mark Renn was pastor, Providence teamed with another church to offer a farmer's market on Snow Road. What was the other church?

Know the answer? Email the church office: office@providence-pc.org.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Who was the first Clerk of Session at Providence and who is Clerk of Session now?

ANSWER:

First Clerk: Jerry Esneul
Current Clerk: Leslie Rey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 19 — Worship indoors

9:15 a.m.

Group 3 in person; others via Facebook Session Meeting, after worship

July 22 — Summer Fiction Fun

10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Book study on *At Home in Mitford*

July 26 — Worship indoors

9:15 a.m.

Group 4 in person; others via Facebook

August 1 — Drive-By Baby Shower

10:30 a.m., Under the Portico

Drive-in Baby Shower for

Charlie & Haley Clark & Baby Hawkins

August 2 — Worship

9:15 a.m.

Group 1 in person; others via Facebook

LYRICS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

I am weak Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied just as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who will with me my burden share?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be.

CCLI Song # 2549877

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock.
Music: traditional English melody.
HymnCharts.com
CCLI #5203488

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

(REPEAT)

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

(REPEAT)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength

(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

(REPEAT 2X)

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