

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

October 29, 2020

What a Sunday!

IT ALL BEGAN with worship, where Pastor Mary Clark talked about “Reading Other People’s Mail” as she continued her study of Paul’s letters.

Then outdoors for a Halloween Spooktacular for Providence children.

And then over to McKemie Place, where PPC folks assembled 50 beds, so the newly refreshed building can become home for the ladies of McKemie Place.

And all that followed a day of yard work by Barry South, Jim Vann and Mike Richardson to keep our yard looking spiffy.

Next week will be a communion Sunday and Groups 1 and 3 will both meet in the sanctuary. Bring your own elements or use the prepackaged ones at church.

The following Sunday, Groups 2 and 4 will meet in person for communion. We will trade off the following two Sundays

Advent will begin November 29 with worship for everyone in the parking lot.



“Amazing Grace” offered by Laura Wilson and Laura Anderson.



Making McKemie Home



Piles of mattresses (above) were transformed into welcoming bedrooms while teams assembled a cluster of coffee tables.



Spook-Tacular

A special treat for the children of Providence after worship on October 25. Carving and crafts around the theme of the pumpkin gospel.

Clockwise from top left: Piper Smith, the kids gather round leader Amy Westerberg; Makki Mosley, Remi Ball.

Pumpkin Gospel

Once there was a Gardener who planted seeds in His garden. Each day the Gardener cared for the seeds. He watered them, pulled weeds from around them, and sheltered them from the heat of the sun. The seeds grew into seedlings, which developed into plants, until one day, they produced fruit — pumpkins! The pleased Gardener looked out at His garden and said, “It is good!”

One day, the Gardener went out into his field and picked a special pumpkin. It was a bit dirty from lying in the garden, so he brought it inside and gently wiped it off. Now the pumpkin looked clean on the outside, but what about the inside?

The Gardener took a knife and cut open the top of the pumpkin. And what did He find? A bunch of slimy, yucky goo! The Gardener wanted His special pumpkin to be beautiful, so He carefully scraped out all of the goo inside until the pumpkin was as clean inside as it was on the outside.

But the Gardener still wasn’t satisfied with the pumpkin. He decided it needed a face! So, He carefully cut out two eyes, a nose, and a big smiling mouth. Now the Gardener’s special pumpkin looked clean AND happy.

But the Gardener still wasn’t satisfied with the pumpkin. So, He put a light inside of it. The pumpkin glowed so beautifully! The Gardener’s special project was complete.

When friends and neighbors saw the Gardener’s special pumpkin, they marveled at how He took something ordinary from His garden, cleaned it inside and out, put His light inside, and made it something extraordinary!

Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus, as I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:
 Open my mind, so that I can learn about you.
 Take all my sins and forgive the wrong that I do.
 Open my eyes, so your love I will see;
 I’m so sorry for times I’ve turned up my nose at what you’ve given to me.
 Open my ears, so your Word I will hear;
 Open my mouth to tell others you’re near.
 Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.



Bible Verse

Let your light shine before men that they see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.—Matthew 5:16



In Other News

PLEDGE CARDS

Look for your 2021 Time and Talent form in the envelope with next week's newsletter.

It's a chance to tell the church what you anticipate in financial support next year so that the Session can draw up a realistic budget.

Even more, it's a chance to consider new ways to participate at Providence.

Please try to return your Time and Talent form by Sunday, November 15.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — Hang on, hang on. We're still working out technical issues but will start as soon as they are resolved. In the meantime, thanks for your enthusiastic response to the study plans.

CLOSELY CRAFTED — Meetings resume at 10 a.m. on November 17 in the narthex. We will be studying "The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton and crafting. The book is available on Amazon, Nook, and Kindle.



Hi Friends! Michelle Nall here!

It's that time again for the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Walk Against Breast Cancer."

Mobile's chapter started 14 years ago, and we have been a part of the event for the last 12. I'm always honored to present Providence Presbyterian Church's donation, and I personally thank you for that.

Because of COVID-19, things are different this year. A representative at ACS told me we'll be having a drive-through parade at Battleship Park on Saturday, October 31, at 8:00 a.m. Registration and survivor tents will be spread out on the lawn area.

Here's your challenge! Besides participating and supporting, you can enter the ACS's contest for the best decorated car.

Let's do this! Call Michelle Nall at 251-423-9510 with any questions.

God bless and thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 31 — Breast Cancer Walk

8 a.m., Battleship Park

November 1 — Worship

Daylight savings ends!

9:15 a.m., Pastor Mary Clark preaching

Groups 1 & 3 in person; others via Facebook

November 4 — Book Study

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

November 8 — Worship

9:15 a.m., Pastor Mary Clark preaching

Groups 2 & 4 in person; others via Facebook

November 11 — Book Study

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

November 15 — Worship

9:15 a.m., Pastor Mary Clark preaching

Groups 2 & 4 in person; others via Facebook

November 17 — Closely Crafted

10 a.m., Crafts & study resume, narthex

November 18 — Book Study

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

November 22 — Worship

9:15 a.m., Pastor Mary Clark preaching

Groups 2 & 4 in person; others via Facebook

GROUP 1

Barbara Fitzpatrick

Ann Bosarge

Stuart Clark

Esneul Family

Gadomski Family

Mary Mastrangelo

Debbie McLendon

Aggie Roebuck

O.P. Smith

Georgie Smith

Stanley Family

Taylor Family

GROUP 3

Andrews Family

Betty Blakeman

Hayes Family

Michelle Nall

Leslie Rey

Roxanne Smith

Piper Smith

Sharon Smith

Carrie Smith

Amy Westerberg

Williams Family

LYRICS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

IT IS WELL

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well,
It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet,
Tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul,
With my soul, with my soul!

CCLI Song # 25376

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. It's in your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

WALK IN LOVE

When I wake up in the morning
Gonna walk in love.
When the evening sun is falling
Gonna walk in love.
Through the troubles of the day
Gonna walk in love.
Oh whatever comes my way
Gonna walk in love.

Brother sister let us walk in love.
We will walk in love.
Singing hallelujah we shall overcome.
We will walk in love,
We will walk in love.

When my brother turns his back
Gonna walk in love.
When my enemy attacks
We will walk in love.
When I feel I don't belong
We will walk in love.

Repeat Chorus Twice

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit,
Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Til you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Repeat Chorus