

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

As I write these words, I look out my office window at the church and see snow covering the ground and piled up in our parking lot. It's hard to believe (at least for this boy from South Carolina) that there are parts of the church property that have been covered with snow for almost 4 weeks! I think back on the winter weather that hit just a week ago on January 16th and consider it with wonder and amazement. Life moves so fast. We all have things that need to be taken care of, tasks that need to be completed, and even face the mundane reality of errands that need to be run. But when the snow comes so much of life stops. In many ways, we are forced to slow down and wait. Snow and winter weather in general are not missing from the Bible.

Most are familiar with the story of Job. After losing everything, 3 friends came to Job and brought anything but comfort and wise counsel. Later a 4th man came into Job's life and offered a response to Job's suffering that proclaimed God's greatness and sovereignty—a much-needed message for Job in his time of hurt and suffering.

Pointing to God's sovereignty, Elihu said in Job 37: 6-10 “⁶ For to the snow he (God) says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour. ⁷ He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he made may know it. ⁸ Then the beasts go into their lairs and remain in their dens. ⁹ From its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. ¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast.” In the same way, throughout the book of Job, Job maintains his innocence and inquires of God concerning his plight, yet in Job 38 God himself responds to Job's questions by rhetorically asking Job if he had ever “entered the treasures of the snow”.

All of these references point to the fact that God is sovereign over all things. In addition, they point to God's loving care for His people in that, from time to time, the Lord tells us to stop and behold His mighty strength. Let us be grateful, dear friends, that God is in control. As we see the wonder of the world unfolding around us, let us remember that God directs our paths and is active in every aspect of life, even the weather. And let us not forget that in His love and mercy, He cares for us more than we could ever imagine.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



February 2022 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, there are two Worship Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. **Sabbath School classes will not meet until February 20th**. Children's Church is available during the 9:00 a.m. service only. Nursery is available during the 9:00 a.m. service and during Sabbath School. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Little Lambs meets the first and third Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Malphrus will continue broadcasting his sermons on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa), and will post the audio version of those sermons on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). If you need help accessing online sermons, contact Patrick. You may access our Facebook page, [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com), our church calendar, edited newsletters, announcements, and more by visiting our website at www.oldprovidencechurch.org. To request a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, call the office.

Sunday evening worship in the Sanctuary with Frank begins Sunday, February 6th, at 6:30 p.m. and will meet for about 14 weeks. We will be reading approximately two chapters from the Book of Acts per night and have a sermon following the reading. There will also be a short call to worship at the beginning and a time for questions at the end.

Little Lambs



Little Lambs will meet on Sundays, February 6th and 20th, at 5:30 p.m. All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to attend. Contact Amanda with questions.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, February 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. with Bible Study following at 7:30 p.m. Our Bible Study is based on the book, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According of Elijah & Elisha", by Raymond B. Dillard. We will cover Chapter 2 in February.



Reminders

The Cemetery Trustees will clean the cemetery on Saturday, February 26th. All flowers/decorations need to be removed prior to this date because any flowers/decorations remaining will be discarded.

Officers and Committee members please finalize updates for the bulletin backs and any 2022 Calendar dates you may have. If you have not already done so, please provide them to the church office.

We are still taking orders for *Our Daily Bread* devotional. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

February 2022 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 2

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 3

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, February 6

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kevin and Tonya

9:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

11:00 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

6:00 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship in Acts

Tuesday, February 8

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 9

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 13 - Special Offering for Camp Joy

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Lois and Amanda

9:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church leaders: Amanda and Vicki

11:00 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

6:00 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship in Acts

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 16

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 20

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Laurin

9:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church leaders: Patcie and Sue

10:10 a.m. - Sabbath School resumes

11:00 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

6:00 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship in Acts

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, February 23

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 24

6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Sunday, February 27 - Communion

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Karleen

9:00 a.m. - Worship

No Children's Church

10:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

6:00 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship in Acts

*Please keep in mind, calendar dates are tentative and could change or cancel after publication of the newsletter.

Daily Devotionals take place Monday through Friday with our pastor. They are available live at 7:00 a.m. through our church's Facebook page, or after through sermonaudio.com or the sermonaudio app. Please see Pastor Malphrus if you need help accessing our Daily Devotionals.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. with our Pastoral Intern, James. Also, Pat and Susie are hosting a study of the book of Hebrews in their home on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pat with questions.

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