

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

Well, it's here! Spring has finally sprung. Robins are in the yard and I've already seen a few groundhogs wandering around. The grass is getting greener and the weather is undoubtedly warmer. Trees have even started blooming. Are you glad to see Spring finally get here? What a winter we've had! I know that the amount of snow we had this year pales in comparison to years past, but to this boy raised in South Carolina? Well, let's just say that it sure felt like a lot of snow to me (and yes, I loved every bit of it). Even so, Spring is upon us and with Spring comes Easter and celebrating Christ's resurrection. Let us all glory in the tangible reminders of the season that point to the newness of life. But in addition, let us turn our minds to the passion of our Savior's crucifixion, the glory of His resurrection, and what these things really mean for us.

God's Word tells us in I Corinthians 15: 16-19 that "If the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone." Do you get what those verses mean? Our very identity, the core of who we are as God's people, and the heart of what we really believe all rest on the truth of Jesus's resurrection. This is true to the point that, as verse 19 says, if Jesus was not raised from the dead then we are to be pitied above all others. Why? Because if Jesus is not alive today then our entire faith is a lie. But praise be to God, Jesus is alive. Jesus is alive and His promise of life to those who trust in Him is sure!

The risen Jesus being alive today, and the promise of eternal life for those who trust in Him, is what sets Christianity apart from every other religion on earth. We do not follow the ancient teachings of fake prophets or adhere to the lofty philosophies of mere men, long in the grave. We serve the risen Savior! Jesus is alive. And the promise made to those who trust in Him is the promise of life eternal. God's Word continues in I Corinthians 15: 20-22 by saying "But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." Let these words encourage you as you consider Christ's sacrifice and glory. Also, let these truths encourage you to commit anew to being a regular part of the life at Old Providence, and certainly plan to worship with us this Easter. Details for our Easter services are found within this newsletter.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



April 2022 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, on **Sunday, April 3rd**, we will start having **only one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.** There will be a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting on Sanctuary Refreshing immediately following Worship Service that day and there will be no Sabbath School. Children's Church and nursery will be available during the Worship Service. The following Sunday we will continue having one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School classes will start meeting at 11:00 a.m. Children's Church will be available during the 10:00 a.m. service. Nursery will be available during the 10:00 a.m. service and during Sabbath School. As usual, Youth Group will meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Little Lambs will meet the first and third Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Malphrus will broadcast his sermons on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. through [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa), and will post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. If you need help accessing online sermons, contact Patrick. You may access our Facebook page, 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.

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.

Sunday Evening Worship is held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. led by Frank. Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. led by 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.

Little Lambs



Little Lambs will meet on Sunday, April 3rd. All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to attend. You may contact Amanda with questions.



Preschool Update

Preschool registration for 2022/2023 is now in process. Forms and information are available at the church office, Providence Hall, and www.oldprovidencechurch.org. You may contact Robyn regarding questions. Please spread the news to family and friends.

Reminders



Please provide announcements and information for the May Newsletter to Stephanie by noon on Wednesday, April 20th. This request includes changes and updates, especially to the prayer list, and birthday and anniversary announcements.

To receive calls regarding church closings, general information, and/or prayer requests, please sign up for One Call Now by calling the church office.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, April 7th, 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 4 in April. All women are welcome to the meeting and/or the Bible Study.

Easter Sunrise Service



On Easter Sunday, April 17th, there will be one service only which will be a Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 a.m. It will be held outside at the Stone Hall so please bring lawn chairs/blankets. Immediately following that service, we will have a breakfast in Providence Hall. There will be no Sunday School or other Worship Services that day.

Monday Mid-Day Program

Monday Mid-Day Programs take place at 11:00 a.m. The presentations are followed by a light lunch. The cost of a meal is \$3.00 per person. If you are interested in helping provide a meal, a sign-up sheet is posted by the kitchen door in Providence Hall.

April 4 - Holy Land Tour: Dorothy & Gary

April 18 - Rockbridge Regional Jail: Derek

May 2 - Hospice – overview: Lori

May 16 - Sowing, Growing & Sharing: Valerie & Jane

Riverheads WRE

Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Council met on Monday, February 21st. All is going well. The program currently has 542 children participating, which is about 83% of the students at the school. A Praise Night is being organized for the month of May. This will be the first fundraiser since 2020 and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again! The next meeting is Monday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the WRE classroom. All are welcome. If you would like to make a donation, please mail to: Riverheads WRE, PO Box 352, Greenville, VA 24440. Thank you for your continued support!!

April 2022 Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 3 – Note change in times

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kevin and Tonya

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

Called Congregational Meeting

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

6:30 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship

Monday, April 4

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday

Spring Special Offering for Synod Causes

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Shirley

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church leaders: Amanda and Vicki

11:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

5:00 p.m. – Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

6:30 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study



Wednesday, April 13

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

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Sunday, April 17 – RESURRECTION SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

Easter Breakfast immediately following service



Monday, April 18

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 24

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Stacy

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church leaders: Dabney and Tina

11:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

6:30 p.m. - Sunday Evening Worship

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



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| 1 Youth Group & Little Lambs
Session Meeting | 15 Session & Diaconate Joint Meeting
Diaconate Meeting |
| 2 Monday Mid-Day | Little Lambs & Youth Group |
| 5 Women's Ministries & Bible Study | 16 Monday Mid-Day |
| 8 Mother's Day
Spring Special Offering for Foreign Missions
No Youth Group | 22 Communion
Youth Group |
| | 29 Youth Group |
| | 30 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed |