



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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Greetings! Today is Sunday, November 21, 2021

Feast Of Christ The King Sunday

Christ the King Day is a holiday which falls on the final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar. Although it was originally a Roman Catholic Holiday known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – it has since been adopted by other Christian denominations as well. The purpose of this holiday is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the “King of all kings” and it was originally intended as a way to bring God back into a secular world.



Now That's What I'm Talking About!

Randy York - Florence, NJ - November 21, 2021

*Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with the presence of God.
But only he who sees takes off his shoes to worship.*

The rest sit around and pick blackberries, and daub their natural faces unaware.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

It was a simple, small act. It came by way of a quick thought and a spontaneous conversation. It took less than two minutes. It was a heartbeat of faith. It was a transfiguration of sorts. It was a church on full display, front and center.

Two weeks ago, our brother in Christ, Jack Harkins, came in front of the congregation to seek prayer before his upcoming chemotherapy treatment. As he finished his request, Reverend Kraft stepped down to join Jack and requested that church elders come forward to lay hands on Jack and pray for his healing. Nine folks gathered and Jack was lifted up in prayer. You could feel God's presence. You could see a church present and sense its tangible heartbeat. We were the church. We were the body of Christ.



The final question on the recent church survey asked if an individual was likely or unlikely to recommend our church to others. More than half the responses suggested they would not due to the lack of a pastor. I can certainly understand the concern, especially as it pertains to pastoral care. But as a member, I am equally aware of the church we are blessed with right now. From our perspective, we are missing a pastor, from God's view, we are still His church. A thought to consider: As we seek that new shepherd, if we focus on a pastor's absence, are we missing out on God's presence?

That great evangelist from Rock Island, Illinois, Elwood Blues put it succinctly. “We're on a mission from God.” It's about the group, the family, the body. It's not about one person, unless that person is Jesus Christ. All things considered, it's all about Him, what He calls us to and how He blesses us through each other.



The architecture of our church places it on the Historic Registry, but its walls also testify to God's continued

presence in the souls who have gathered, and continue to gather together in worship. They speak of Leo Forsberg's smile, content in God's grace, as he assisted with communion. They recall Judy Bramble's prayer that her cancer had returned, but by that same grace, she was determined to stand. They cheer Fritz and Jean Wainwright riding to church in a tractor pulled carriage on their anniversary. They bring to mind Jim Chambers championing the cause of a homeless man named Wayne, uniting a church family to action, and moving him off shaky ground and to affordable housing. These venerable walls can attest to the soul building of folks working through life in community with one another.

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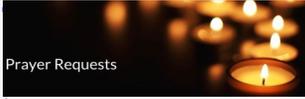
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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Dick Glass, Fritz Wainwright, Jean Miller**
- For Heidi's **Aunt Sharon and Kylee Lucenti**
- For **Jim & Maritza Chamber's Uncle Larry and their son Tim**
- For **Jack Harkins** who began chemotherapy this week

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For **Alyson Keegan's Father** entering hospice and her Mom at this difficult time
- For the **McNamara, Melendez & Eckert families** coping with recent family losses

For God's guidance & understanding:

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit

For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.



Sunday November 21st immediately following 9:00 AM service.

We will hold our Annual Meeting Part I for the election of new Session members the coming term

Please plan to attend.



Date	Time	Event
Thursday, November 25, 2021	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Lay Service
Friday, November 26, 2021	TBA	Hanging Of The Greens
Sunday, November 28, 2021	9:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent
	4:00 PM	Christmas Vespers
Sunday, December 5, 2021	9:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 12, 2021	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
Friday, December 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 26, 2021	9:00 AM	Christmas Lay Service
Sunday, January 2, 2022	9:00 AM	Sunday Service



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... Now, That's What I'm Talking About!

The Camino de Santiago is a famous Christian pilgrimage route in northern Spain. Many believers walk the route as a path for their spiritual growth. As pilgrims pass each other on the way, they call out, "Ultreia et suseia, Deus adjuva nos!" Latin for, "Keep going forward, keep climbing higher, with God's help!" Good Morning Providence Presbyterian Church! How are you? We have left the light on for a pastor, but in Jesus Christ, we are, I am His church, our church, one family, praising God, listening to His word, building each other up, and making a difference as needs arise around us. A pastor will come. In the meantime there's a road ahead. Rub those eyes, God is right here with us. Perk up those ears, His voice is coming clearly from our pulpit. Stretch those muscles, we're called to action. In need of relief? This little country church is an oasis of spirit and light, of God's word and grace, a perfect rest area for prodigal souls searching out life near exit 56 off New Jersey 295. Take off those shoes and worship, we are truly blessed. There are saints above and right next to us ready to share the ride. We're on a mission, a journey together.



Ultreia! Keep going forward!



This year marks the 3rd annual "Coats for kids" collection.

So I am reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community that aren't as fortunate as we are.

The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids.

All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great.

They could also use gloves, scarves or hats.

Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or I can pick them up. Just email me at: yorkie0401@gmail.com.

**Thank you.
Barbara York**



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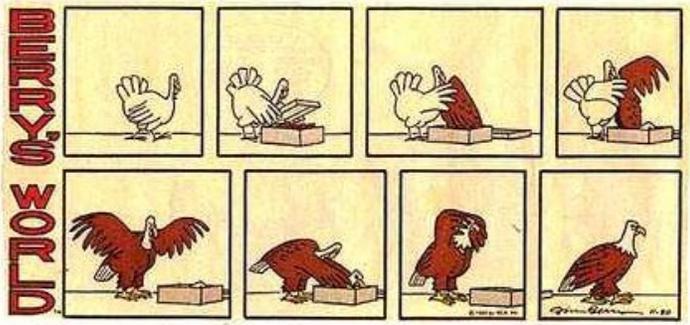
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Happy Thanksgiving

WHAT IF TODAY WE WERE JUST GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING



No longer forward nor behind
I look in hope or fear,
But, grateful, take the good I find,
The best of now and here.
John Greenleaf Whittier



Thank you.
Thank you very much.
- Elvis Presley

