

Providence Park Baptist Church

468 East Ladies Mile Road Richmond, Virginia 23222

Where the Gospel is Preached and Practiced—

a congregation of saved sinners who endeavor to preach the Gospel of God through Jesus of Nazareth by personal proclamation and practice.



Seniors Day

Sunday, April 22, 2018

*Jerome Clayton Ross, Ph.D.
Pastor*

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 22, 2018

The Prelude.....The Musicians

†The Call to Worship.....Psalm 71:17-18.....Mr. William J. Warren, Sr.

†The Invocation.....Mr. William J. Warren,
Sr.

†The Chant.....Refrain, *He Is Lord* #178

†The Hymn of Praise.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #200

†The Responsive Reading.....*Our Elders*.....Mr. Moses Eley, Jr.

†The Response.....*For He Alone Is Worthy*
#427

The Interlude.....The Musicians

The Welcome*.....Mrs. Eleanor P. Jackson

The Seniors' Invitation.....Mrs. Ernestine H. Green

The Presentations.....Mrs. Betty B. Lipscomb

The Anthem.....*Total Praise*.....R. Smallwood

The Prayer.....Rev. Juanita V. Coleman

The Response.....*O How He Loves You and Me* #146

The Offertory.....Deacon Floydie R. Peeples, The Deacons, & The Ushers

†The Chant.....*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* #253

The Introduction of the Speaker.....Dr. Jerome C. Ross

The Spiritual.....*God Is*..... Dr. Robert J. Fryson

The Sermon.....Rev. Nathan Dell
Adjunct Professor of Homiletics,
Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University

†The Hymn of Dedication.....*Lead Me, Guide Me*

†The Benediction.....Rev. Dell

The Postlude.....*We've Come This Far by Faith*.....The Musicians

† **Please Stand**

***Please, review the announcements and schedule PPBC on your**

calendar!
**Please, join our Seniors at the reception in the J. J. Woodson Fellowship
Hall following worship!**

Our Elders

O Thou who art Eternal, we remember our elders of African descent, who fought courageously during times of war and peace, who built much of the United States of America with the knowledge, skill, and sweat of their brows, and who built their own institutions when denied admission to the institutions of others. O LORD our God, we remember our elders, who cared for their own needs and the needs of others and, despite many hardships, sustained their families and communities.

Heavenly Father, we remember our elders today with pride.

O LORD our God, we remember our elders, who loved Thee and created new means of expressing that love in their preaching and praying, in their spirituals and gospel music. We remember our mothers and fathers, who built churches and religious organizations and expressed their faith in Thee through the lives they lived.

Precious LORD, we remember our elders today with faith and reverence.

O LORD our God, we remember our elders, who birthed us, who loved and cared for us, who passed a cherished heritage on to us by educating us, opening our eyes to the beauty of our past and the hopefulness of our future, and teaching us to love ourselves and one another.

Gracious God, we remember our elders today with love and gratitude.

O LORD our God, we thank Thee for our elders, who filled their lives with art, poetry, and literature, who excelled whenever they were given the opportunity, who were brilliant, creative, and inventive, and who painted, tapped, sculpted, drummed, hummed, sang, and shouted, leaving us a rich and imaginative legacy.

Merciful Maker, we remember our elders today with respect and appreciation.

Now, O LORD, we call the names of some of them: Absolom Jones, Lemuel Haynes, Richard Allen, David Walker, Maria Stewart, Sojourner Truth, and Jarena Lee, **Daniel Payne, Frederick Douglas, Mary Pleasant, Harriett Tubman, Nannie Helen Burroughs, and Booker T. Washington**, Anna Julia Cooper, William O. Tanner, Ida B. Wells, Mary Church Terrell, George Washington Carver, Maggie Lena Walker, Mary Scott, Adam Clayton Powell, and William E. B. DuBois, Oliver Hill, Lawrence Douglas Wilder, **Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Carter G. Woodson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Marcus Garvey, Paul Robeson, Duke Ellington, and Howard Thurman.**

O LORD, we are mindful of those elders whose names are lost to us in history, those who

were washed away in the Middle Passage. We remember them, now, before Thee.

Silence

O LORD our God, we remember and call the names of our elders, living and departed, who in our lifetime have positively influenced our homes, churches, communities, and the world.

Pause for the Naming of Elders by the congregation.

Bless our grandparents and our elders, this day, O LORD, with security in their latter days, soundness of body and mind in their remaining labors, and strength of spirit in their subsequent sojourns.

Awaken them, each morning, with the joy of Your salvation and the beauty of Your Presence. Comfort them during the day with the Peace that surpasses all understanding, even in the midst of the pains of waning health, physical limitations, or terminal illnesses.

Reassure them, as they lay down to sleep each night, that You shall continue to watch over them and keep them.

Sanctify us, that we may be instruments of Your hands to help them with Your healing holiness.

Consecrate us, that we may willingly sacrifice our time, talents, and treasures for the sake of their welfare and wholeness.

And, finally, LORD, give them that special confidence, that holy certainty, that as they ever face their final moments, You shall be with them through the end of their days on earth and throughout their tenure in Eternity, as You have intimated to our hearts.

We thank you, O LORD our God, for the elders you have given us.

For Thy name's sake, we thank Thee! Amen.

Adapted from African American Heritage Hymnal—September 3, 2005 by JCR

Theme for 2018

“Lifting Him Up”

John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32



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The Seniors Ministry is open to anyone 55 years and older.

Meetings are on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!!

The Seniors Ministry welcomes **Rev. Nathan Dell** to Providence Park Baptist Church today. We are deeply appreciative that he has joined us for our Annual Seniors' Worship experience.

We've Come This Far By Faith

Prayer for Our Elders

O LORD our God:

Bless, now, the hands that have birthed and blessed us with saving knowledge of Thee. Bless, now, the hearts of those who sacrificed dearly that we may have abundantly. Bless our mothers and fathers, our grandmothers and grandfathers, yea LORD our elders, with renewed strength and firm confidence in Thee, that the works of their hands and hearts are pleasing in Thy sight. Keep them, now and forever, from all hurt, harm, and danger. Grant the healing that only Thou can provide in the midst of their pains and waning health. O LORD, in due season, when this earth can no longer afford them a home, grant them presence in Thy Presence, until we all gather in holy reunion as Thy Family. Amen.

jcr: August 31, 2010

Rev. Nathan Dell

Our speaker was born in Soperton, GA to a Pentecostal preacher and his wife and reared in Dublin, GA, where he was educated in the Public Schools of Dublin and graduated from Washington Street High School in 1950. Continuing his preparation, he matriculated at Savannah State College, Savannah, GA, graduating in 1954, and Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1957. His diligent pursuit of ministry, especially Homiletics, led him to study at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, and Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT. His passion for preaching and ministry was personified for six years at Grant Chapel Presbyterian Church in Darien, GA and for thirty-two years at Woodville Presbyterian Church, here in Richmond, VA.

Somewhere between home and Heaven, he met the darling of his life, Willie J. Dell, with whom he shares a son, Wayne, and has shared ministry on the urban scene of Richmond as well as the international landscape of Haiti, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Liberia, and more. Conducting a multi-fronted ministry, our speaker has served on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Homes and Family Service, Inc., the Older Adult Ministries for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and the Advisory Board for Caring Congregations of Union-Presbyterian School of Christian Education, which has been absorbed with Union Presbyterian Seminary, and as a Volunteer Chaplain for the Bureau of Fire, Richmond, VA. His passion for study was documented very early in *These Days*, a monthly devotional book (January—February 1974) published by the Presbyterian Church, USA, as he authored nine meditations.

In the course of his lengthy tenure at Woodville Presbyterian Church, his path crossed that of the ascended Dr. Miles Jerome Jones of Providence Park Baptist Church, with whom he spent innumerable hours pondering the possibilities of preaching and sharpening their spiritual skills in the service of the LORD, while Mrs. Dell gleaned spiritual counsel from that same fount of wisdom, when she served in the public sector as the first African American Councilwoman in Richmond.

Now, our speaker's exchanges with Dr. Jones, no doubt, led to his employment at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, where he has served as an Adjunct Professor of Homiletics from 1983 up to the present. Though his frequent visits to the library and the homiletics class during the late '70s privileged all with a model of minister as scholar, it was in 1983 that his life was intertwined with that of Pastor Jones and that of the present Pastor, Jerome C. Ross, Ph.D., as STVU enjoyed a "Camelot Experience," having an all African American faculty for over a decade!

Ministry is about friendship! One who serves the LORD must partner with those who see

and engage the Eternal. How blessed I have been to covenant with such an Elder—to sit in his presence and to gather the overflow of crumbs of wisdom that have fallen from his table! It is with extreme pleasure and eternal gratitude that we welcome to our pulpit Rev. Nathan Dell!



ATTENTION ALL 2018 GRADUATES!!!

All members of Providence Park Baptist Church who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate studies will be recognized on June 3, 2018 during our Morning Worship. Please, notify the Pastor, Mrs. Barbara Caul, or Miss Natalie Whitehurst by May 13, 2018 and email the information regarding your graduation to Miss Whitehurst at natlaw25@comcast.net. Also, members who are high school graduates are invited to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be obtained from Mrs. Nickens, the PPBC Clerk, and must be completed and returned by May 20, 2018.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in participating in our Sunday worship services, please, see Deacon Shirley Tabb or the Pastor!

**WE NEED YOU!!!
GOD NEEDS YOU!!!**

**FREE FITNESS CLASSES at PPBC!!!
Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.**

“Reps & Steps” with Kiki on Tuesdays
“Push Through” with Lindsey on Wednesdays
All fitness levels and all ages are welcomed!!!

Special Guests at PPBC

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Guests: The 26th Masonic District & the Eastern Stars

Fellowship Bible Classes

Sunday, April 29, 2018—9:00 a.m.
The Women—Fourth Baptist Church
2800 P Street [23223]
The Men—Grayland Baptist Church
2301 Third Avenue [23222]



Sick & Shut-Ins

Mrs. Rosetta Branch.....Parham Healthcare & Rehab. Center #48B
Mrs. Barbara Caul.....Home
Mrs. Emma Charity-Hill.....1908 Redwood Avenue [23223]
Rev. Melvin Cowans Parham Healthcare & Rehab. Center
Mrs. Shirley Davis.....Home
Mrs. Grace Flowers.....Imperial Plaza Manor Care #228
Mrs. Ann Ford..... 7101 Coachman Lane #103 [23228]
Mrs. Susie Green..... Imperial Plaza Manor Care #110
Mrs. Ethel Johnson.....Home
Mrs. Emma Mayfield3515 Patrick Avenue [23222]
Rev. Linda McSweeney.....Home
Mrs. Ruth Myers Lexington Court, 1776 Cambridge Rd. [23238]
Mrs. Jean Quash.....Beth Sholom #105
Mrs. Louise B. Rivers.....MCV
Mrs. Rosetta Taylor.....3501 Florida Avenue [23222]
Mrs. Laura Turner.....Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd. [23238]
Deacon Wilbert Ware The Towers 7015 Carnation Street [23225]
Mr. Heywood Wynn..... Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center #431

The Seniors Ministry of Providence Park Baptist Church

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Heart-search by the Spirit! Always examine yourself according to the standards or principles that God requires for living. Let His creative and active Power called Spirit guides you in all righteousness.

Sacrifice self! Deny yourself of those desires that only satisfy self and are not toward the benefit of all of God's People. Seek only those things whereby others as well as yourself may be helped and holy.

Abide in Christ! Seek always to maintain the posture of living in relation to God that Jesus of Nazareth demonstrates in the Bible. Seek always to live with respect for the Presence and Person and Power of God.

Learn wisdom! Practice all that you know and learn of the way of God. Seek to apply at all times the principles for practice that are life-affirming, life-promoting, and life-sustaining. Let what is in your head and heart be expressed in your talk and walk.

Grow by the Word! Seek to be in accordance with whatever God is doing in your life. Let His activity be the plan or project for practice in your life. Progress, never stand still, within the Presence of God so that His Power will impress His Person increasingly upon you.

Preach the Truth! Proclaim and personify that which you know from personal experience with God. Live your testimony. Walk your talk. Deliver a statement about God as you know Him by exemplifying the Power He gives and sharing the grace He gives.

Have mercy! Be compassionate and considerate of others. Imagine the posture and position of others with which you relate and seek to feel with them as you treat them. Be understanding of those with which you disagree and ever ready to further reconciliation.

Forgive seventy times seven! Never make a person a prisoner of a sinful past. Do not hold grudges or constantly remember the negatives about others, if you are not helping them to overcome such. Give your fellow sinners a chance to change and embrace grace.

Stand with hope! Assume a posture of living that is not based upon circumstance or condition, but upon trust in God. Believe God in spite of whatever occurs in your life. Never let the treatment of others or the situations and circumstances of life determine your acts.

Travel by prayer! Actively and verbally communicate with God at all times. Conduct your life in such a manner that you enjoy the Presence of God. Do what you can do and seek from God what only He can do or give. Live seeking what you ask from God.

Walk by faith! In all areas of your life, live as the believer you are. In all decisions apply the principles of God. Faith is the lifestyle of one who believes God. Be an ambassador for God in Christ. Represent Him by your behavior wherever you go.

Live by Grace! Be grateful in all things at all times. Life and its fullness are gifts from God. Take nothing for granted. Seek to receive and handle properly whatever you gain in life. Thank God for everything you have and are and become. **AMEN.**

Jerome Clayton Ross

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**Call-In Prayer with Pastor
Wednesdays 6:30-6:45 p.m.**

1. Dial 1-712-770-8022.
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Sunday School Lesson for April 29, 2018

Title: "Worshiping Christ, Our Redeemer" Text: Revelation 5:1-14

Regular Meeting Days

(Subject to adjustments)

First Mondays—The Board of Christian Education

First Saturdays—The Diaconate Board

First Mondays—The Board of Trustees

