

**Our 142<sup>nd</sup>**

**1876-2018**



# **Providence Park Baptist Church**

**468 East Ladies Mile Road Richmond, Virginia**

**Jerome Clayton Ross, Ph.D.  
Pastor**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**“Where the Gospel is Preached and Practiced”**

## The Order of Worship

- The Prelude..... The Musicians
- † The Call to Worship.....Mr. Raymond Cousins
- † The Invocation.....Mr. Raymond Cousins
- † The Chant.....*Spirit of the Living God #244*
- † The Hymn of Praise .....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #200*
- † The Responsive Reading .....*Our 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*.....Mrs. Ernestine H. Green
- The Interlude.....The Musicians
- The Welcome.....The PPBC Messengers  
Christian Ballard - Maliq Graham - Marion McCleod  
Maliq Graham - Mariya Graham - Jayda White
- The Special Presentation.....Mrs. Thomasina T. Binga
- The Anthem .....*Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness*.....Samuel Wesley
- The Prayer.....Deacon Tyra E. Dunson, Sr.
- The Response.....*Anointing*
- The Offertory.....Deacon Joan Peck & The Combined Ushers
- † The Chant.....*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
- The Introduction of the Speaker.....The Pastor
- The Gospel.....*I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry*.....Richard Smallwood
- The Sermon.....Dwight C. Jones, D. Min.  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA
- † The Hymn of Dedication.....*Lift Ev'ry Voice #627*
- The Remarks.....The Pastor
- † The Benediction.....Dr. Jones
- The Postlude.....The Praise Dancers

A fellowship meal will be served in Woodson Hall immediately following the worship service.

## **Our 142<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary**

Be with us, O Lord our God, as Thou hast birthed and blessed us by Thy Spirit since 1876 and as we celebrate the richness of fellowship in Thy name. From the “invisible institution” of black slaves to the emergence of the Black Church, solidified by shared suffering and deliverance, we give Thee thanks.

**May we remember with gratitude and awe their resourceful use of the Sacred Text and their centuries-long struggle for freedom all alone.**

For the Quakers who took a firm stand against slavery in 1688, for the abolitionists of all ages who risked their lives for the soul-salvation of all, we give Thee thanks.

**For such a time as this, Thou hast called Providence Park Baptist Church to preach and practice the Gospel of Thy Kingdom.**

Quicken our memories of Messers. Richard Jones, Enoch Braxton, and Peter Markins, three trustees, who on May 27, 1876, purchased this land for the site of our church from H. P. Taylor and his wife for the sum of \$45, and whose wisdom and love established this church and whose faith and steadfastness glorified Thee through its life.

**Make vivid to us the glorious victories that have been won in Thy name through the pastorates of Reverends Rashi Harris, Ben Gentry, Joseph Claiborne, Scott Wallace, Joshua Griffin, J. J. Woodson, Harold Pinkston, and Miles Jerome Jones and through the continuing fellowship, which has revealed Thy Spirit throughout these years.**

For the service of our Pastors, the Angels whom Thou hast set on these walls, we give Thee thanks.

**For those who laid the foundations of this household of faith: the organization of the Sunday School in 1885, the Men’s Usher Board in 1895, the Ladies Auxiliary Usher Board in 1924, even the Junior Usher Board in 1946, we give Thee thanks.**

For the formation of many of our early ministries—the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts in 1943, the Cub Scouts in 1957, yea the hands of those who in later generations built up the physical walls of Zion, for the host of Saints, Trustees, and Deacons whom have held steadfastly to Thy Gospel-plow, for those who have lifted up Thy blood-stained banner for righteousness’ sake, we give Thee praise.

**For the organization of the Junior Choir in 1927, which later became the Intermediate Choir, then the Young Peoples’ Choir in 1943, and the**

**George Crawford Memorial Choir, for the organization of the Inspirations Choir in 1972, for the organization of the Tommie Hatcher Memorial Choir in 1997, for the organization of the Praise Dancers in 2001, for the creation of all souls in praise to Thee, from young to old, we give Thee thanks.**

For our present Officers and Members, yea one another, we give Thee thanks. O Father, for the rich inheritance of the Church of Jesus Christ, we praise Thy holy and righteous name.

**In this hour grant us a fresh awareness of the multitude of believers who share our celebration and who labor with us in other parts of Thy vineyard. For those who make common cause with us, we give Thee thanks.**

Make us worthy of the faith of our ancestors, representative of the character of our fore parents, and eager to win new victories for the sake of Thy kingdom.

**Pour out Thy Spirit upon us and fill us with an ever-increasing knowledge of truth and an ever-growing awareness of need. Sensitize our hearts, that our hands may open and that we may generously and gratefully give to Thy glory.**

Anoint us afresh, that we may have the assurance of serving Thee better with the new opportunities that Thou hast provided us.

**By Thy Spirit enable us to face and embrace the cross, to risk ourselves for the sake of the Good News, to deny ourselves for the sake of dying with Jesus, that Thy glory may greet us here—along the path to crucifixion—and meet us there—beyond the graves that would hold us back.**

Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove with all Thy quickening power, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done, on earth, in our lives, right here at Providence Park.

**By Thy Spirit lead and guide us, that we—Members and Officers—may practice the Gospel that is preached, as Thou hast blessed us these many years. Amen.**

jcr: May 12, 2009

**Theme for 2018**  
**“Lifting Him Up”**  
**John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32**

## **142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Speaker: Dr. Dwight C. Jones**

- During the cultural revolution of the 1960s, the Spirit of the LORD stirred up the Preachers of the City of Richmond and rallied students of Virginia Union University. They planned and plotted in boardrooms and studies and marched down the streets of Richmond, especially Broad Street, and sat at segregated counters.
- In such a spiritual mixing bowl, numerous Preachers and Prophets were birthed, as fire got shut up in their bones and they began to move and shake and squirm and holler about Him who would come to set the record straight and raise up the walls of Zion. Our speaker, too, was so birthed: baptized in the fire of Richmond and anointed within the custody of Virginia Union University under the tutelage of the likes of Dr. E. D. McCreary, Dr. Allix B. James, and Dr. John Marcus Ellison, even in apprenticeship with the ‘Father, Son, and Holy Ghost’—the late Dr. Miles Jerome Jones, the late Dr. Paul E. Nichols, and the still-standing Dr. James Forbes!
- In this mix of discipleship, the mantle of ministry fell on our speaker as he undertook the task of serving the people of God out there at Westwood and then over there in Southside, initially following in the shoes of the late Dr. Ransome and subsequently breaking forth in the newness of the anointing that hit Richmond, during the cultural revolution of the ‘60s.
- He was commissioned to render a clarion call through the media to the regressive Richmonders—so he did on Sunday mornings during the ‘70s with a partner, Dr. Roscoe Cooper, Jr. He was commissioned to make a breakthrough among the generations—so he gathered the children and undertook their cause, going forth and sitting on the School Board of the City of Richmond. He was commissioned to go to the halls of ‘Injustice’ and lift up the ‘blood-stained banner’—so he ascended the steps of City Hall and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia and returned home to sit in the Mayor’s Chair, that he might plead for justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!
- He is here, now, adorned with the authorization of the Almighty and dripping with the fresh anointing from the PRESENCE! It is most fitting that he has come on the occasion of our 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary to bring the ‘WORD from on High.’ For the LORD has never been idle nor indifferent to the plight of His people here in Richmond! I know not what it is but I do know that the Messenger is here!

**14** But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? **15** And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” **Romans 10<sup>RSV</sup>**

After the choir sings, the feet shall come forth and the lips shall speak, "Thus says the LORD!" Behold the Proclaimer of the PRESENCE is none other than Dr. Dwight C. Jones! Hear the lips and watch the feet!

### **The JCR Charge**

**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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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Recognition of Our Graduates**

Sunday, June 3, 2018

#### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Sunday, June 20, 2018—8:00 -9:30 a.m.

J. J. Woodson Fellowship Hall

All men are invited!!!!!!!

#### **PPBC Vacation Bible School**

Tuesday, June 19—Friday, June 22, 2018—8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

#### **Girl Scout Peanut Butter Collection**

Please, assist our Girl Scouts by giving jars of peanut butter for donation to the Food Bank. You may give your donations to any Girl Scout or Scout Leader by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **YOUTH PARTICIPATION NEEDED!!!**

If you are interested in participating in our Sunday worship services, please, see 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!!!

#### **Sick & Shut-Ins**

Mrs. Rosetta Branch .....	Parham Healthcare & Rehab. Center #48B
Mrs. Emma Charity-Hill.....	1908 Redwood Avenue [23223]
Rev. Melvin Cowans .....	Home
Mrs. Shirley Davis.....	Home
Mrs. Grace Flowers.....	Imperial Plaza Manor Care #228
Mrs. Ann Ford.....	7101 Coachman Lane, #103 [23228]
Mrs. Susie Green.....	Home
Mrs. Emma Mayfield.....	3515 Patrick Avenue [23222]
Rev. Linda McSweeney.....	Home [23227]
Mrs. Ruth Myers .....	Lexington Court, 1776 Cambridge Rd. [23238]
Mrs. Barbara Phillips.....	Home
Mrs. Ella Robinson.....	Home
Mrs. Laura Turner.....	St. Mary's Hospital ICU
Deacon Wilbert Ware.....	The Towers 7015 Carnation Street [23225]
Mr. Heywood Wynn.....	Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center #431

**Prayerfully remember the PPBC Members in Military!**

Harrison Jones, Mansfield C. Murph, Chateece Chappelle

**PPBC Services**

- The Nursery: see the Ushers for assistance and directions.
- The Tape Ministry: See one of our Deacons for assistance [DVDs for \$5].
- The Use of the Church Facility: contact the Office for availability.

**Safety Numbers & Contacts for Notices of Cancellation of Services**

- Dominion Virginia Power at 1-866-DOM-HELP
- Richmond Police Gang Hotline—646-5387
- See the Local Channels [CBS, ABC, NBC] for notices of cancellation

**Volunteers Needed! Serve once a month!**

The PPBC Health Ministry, The PPBC Nursery, The PPBC Video Tape Ministry, The Tutorial Program with the PP Boys & Girls' Club, The PPBC Kitchen Kaptains, The Cub Scouts. PPBC Transportation Ministry is seeking individuals to drive the Van and the Shuttle Bus. All personnel are required to have a valid driver's license and to undergo a criminal background check. The church will pay the fees for those certifying for a chauffeur's license.

**Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday  
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
or By Appointment

**Times for Worship!**

Sunday School - 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Service - 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study - Wednesday:

12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Dial 1-712-770-8022.
2. Enter the Access Code: 608751

**Regular Meeting Days**

(Subject to adjustments)

First Mondays—The Board of Christian Education

First Saturdays—The Diaconate Board

First Mondays—The Board of Trustees