

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

# The Diaspora Gather in God's Name

Welcome. We are glad you have chosen to gather and worship! Go to <u>www.provpres.org</u> to join us for a live broadcast starting at 11:00 am.

# Welcome

Tolling of the Bell - Rung three time to symbolize our Triune God

#### Prelude

e *"Finlandia"* Jean Sibelius, arr. John S. Dixon Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

# Call to Worship

The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly. Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us. We need to be strong, and look for the ways in which God is present with us. Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them. Come, open your hearts and spirits to God's love and presence. Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's circumstances. Amen.

# **Opening Song**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Linda Baker)

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me; When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

#### Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Time with Young Disciples

We Hear God's Word

**Scripture Reading** 

Romans 8:12-25

Sermon

"The Shape of Hope"

We confess our sins as the people of God together, out loud, and to others because of the incredible power there is in putting our failures and

faults in the light of God's love.

The Affirmation of Faith helps us

express the faith and hope we

have as people

of God.

# We Give Thanks to God

A time to offer prayer for others and ourselves to God. Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

# Benediction

Benediction Response"May The Lord"John S. Dixon(sung by members of the Chancel Choir; video produced by Robie Armbruster)

# **Closing Music**

# **Online instruction for Worship**

- 1. Go to provpres.org/worship
- 2. The top green buttons are the bulletin, sermon notes, and bulletin for the kids.

3. Scroll down until you see pre-recorded Music from our Sanctuary.

Today's music has been pre-recorded and may be found on the church's website.

Please see online instruction below

Have a blessed week!