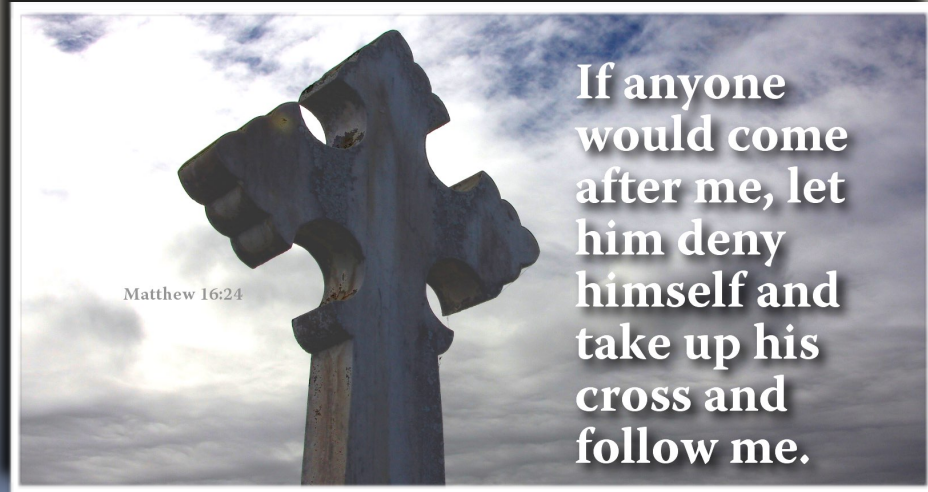


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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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
www.provpres.org
to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827
Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen.

Opening Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

traditional Spiritual

(Robin Birdwell)

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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

God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between people; we judge before we listen and condemn before we try to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that often we turn away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost, to be a home to strangers, to quench thirst and give nourishment, and to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus' Name, we pray. In Jesus' name, we pray and offer these silent confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Time with Young Disciples

*The Affirmation
of Faith helps us
express the faith
and hope we
have as people
of God.*

*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.*

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

"Follower or Admirers"

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)

Postlude

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!