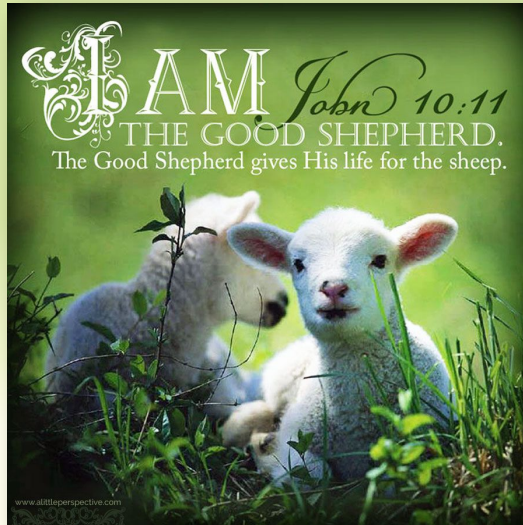


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## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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](http://www.provpres.org)  
to join us for a live  
broadcast starting  
at 11:00 am.

### Prelude

*Meditation on Terra Beata ("This Is My Father's World")* Charles Callahan

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.  
  
This is my Father's world. O let me never forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

### Invocation

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

### Call To Worship

The Lord is our shepherd.  
**He lays down his life for his sheep.**  
The Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He knows us, and we belong to him.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He speaks, and we listen for his voice. Amen.**

*This beautiful arrangement of Psalm 23, with words and music by husband and wife team Don Besig and Nancy Price, contains brief snippets of the hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us," which we will be singing at the end of our service today.*

*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.*

*(11 am only)*

## Opening Song

*"The Lord Will Be My Shepherd"*  
(Gary Reese)

Don Besig and Nancy Price

*The Lord will be my shepherd, He knows my every need.  
He renews my faith each morning with the promise of His peace.  
As I rest in a quiet meadow, or beside a clear blue stream,  
The Lord will be my shepherd, I will follow where He leads.*

*Though the shadows of darkness surround me, I will never be afraid,  
For I know the Lord will protect me from the dangers I must face.  
When there's anger or trouble around me, and I want to run and hide,  
I will find Him near to calm my fear, always at my side.*

*The Lord will be my shepherd wherever I may go.  
He will fill me with His kindness, He will strengthen me with hope.  
When my day at last is over, He will come and take me home.  
The Lord will be my shepherd, I will never be alone.*

## 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

**Lord, you have mercy on us. but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.  
We talk about forgiveness, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.  
These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, as we share our private confessions...**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

## Time with Young Disciple

# Hear God's Word

## Scripture Reading

John 10 11-18

## Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

## Hymn

*"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us".* William Bradbury (1859)

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

*We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us*

## 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

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever*

### Postlude

*"Postlude on a theme of Gustav Holst ("O God, Beyond All Praising")* Charles Callahan

#### Online instruction for Worship

1. Go to [provpres.org/worship](http://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.

*Have a blessed week!*