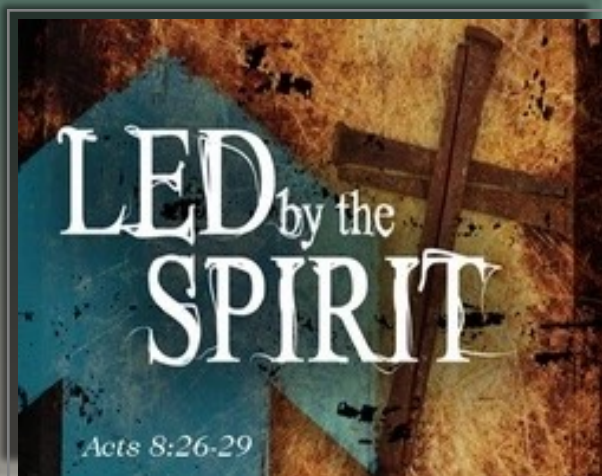


May 2, 2021



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

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707

Music: John B. Dykes, 1866

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.*

*In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.*

*Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
Come shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

Come and sit; let us study the Word together.

Together we shall read and understand.

Come and kneel; let us break bread together.

Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Come and walk; let us share a moment together.

Together we shall risk and be changed. Amen.

Arlo Duba, Presbyterian minister and educator, has created a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that emphasizes the beauty and peace of God's house. The music is by Hal Hopson, a prolific composer of over 3,000 published works, who has a special interest in congregational singing...

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

Psalm 84 ("How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely") text by Arlo D. Duba
music by Hal H. Hopson

(Robin Birdwell and Ashley Veraque)

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feed upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
Than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.*

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

Gracious God, we believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another, yet we confess that we do not always live up to our beliefs. We do not live in unity in the church, as Christ has called us to do. We see separation and hatred between your Children, O, God, yet we don't do enough to mend the breaches. Help us to love one another. Help us to be agents of unity in the church and in the world. 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 Disciples

Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon

"Practicing the Presence"

Sacrament of Communion

Hymn 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

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

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig and Nancy Price

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

Postlude

"March in G"

John S. Dixon

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

*Please see online
instruction below*

Pre-recorded Music

"Aria in F"

by John S. Dixon

"March in G"

by John S. Dixon

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.

Have a blessed week!