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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

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"* text: Bianco da Siena, c.1367  
music: R. Vaughan-Williams, 1906

*Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,  
And visit it with your own ardor glowing.*

*O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming.*

*And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling.*

*For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling*

### Invocation

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

## Call To Worship

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

God has made us whole.

**God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.**

Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

**Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. Amen.**

*With words by 17th century Welsh poet and priest George Herbert, this hymn is very well known and a favorite in the United Kingdom.*

## Opening Song

*"King of Glory, King of Peace"* text by George Herbert (1593-1633)

music by J.D. Jones (1827-1870)

arr. John S Dixon

(Robin Birdwell)

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;  
And, that love may never cease, I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.*

*Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee;  
E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.*

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

## 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.**

*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.*

## Prayer of Confession

**We have to confess, O Lord, that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God's realm here on earth. We are called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Help us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, as we share our private confessions...**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

(11 am only)

## Time with Young Disciples

# Hear God's Word

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**Sermon**

"Knowing God's Will"

## 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.**

**Hymn 722**

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

## We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

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

**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*

*Please see online  
instruction below*

**Postlude**

*"Joyful Rondo"*

John S. Dixon

**Pre-recorded Music**

*"Voluntary on It Is Well"*

by John S. Dixon

*"Joyful Rondo"*

by John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

### **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.