

December 24, 2021



Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Service

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

The Church Gathers 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

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Merry Bells)

Thomas Wade

In the Bleak Midwinter
(Robin Birdwell and Ashley Veraque)

Gustav Holst
arr. Craig Courtney

Gesù Bambino
(Ashley Veraque)

Pietro Yon

Mary, Did You Know?
(Susan Ayers, Robin Birdwell, Ashley Veraque)

arr. Jack Schrader

I Wonder as I Wander
(Susan Ayers)

John Jacob Niles

While by My Sheep
Good King Wenceslas
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(Bells of Providence)

arr. Kevin McChesney
arr. Richard McKee
arr. Cathy Moglebust

SOLO

The Wexford Carol
(Robin Birdwell)

traditional Irish carol

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tonight, we celebrate hope fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come.

Tonight, we celebrate the promise of peace on earth.

Let earth receive her King.

Tonight, we celebrate the joy of knowing a Savior has come.

Let every heart prepare Him room.

Tonight, we celebrate the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

by John Francis Wade

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

*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.

ANTHEM

Christmas Lullaby

George Stone

*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

God of Love Incarnate, we confess that, like the shepherds, we are terrified of Your glory; for in glory's light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety; how the lonely yearn to belong. We also see what's wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we don't practice the peace You intended for our relationships, this world, or Your church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find You. This we pray in Jesus' name, as we offer our silent confessions...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Mary Had a Baby

Spiritual

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

"The Christ of Christmas"

*A time to offer
prayer for others
and ourselves to
God.*

PATORAL 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.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As "Silent Night" is being sung, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ candle. The elders will then light the candles of the first worshiper in each pew. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. (To avoid wax spills the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.)

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

text by Joseph Mohr
music by Franz Grüber

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star; lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace; Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star; lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our king: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Joy to the World

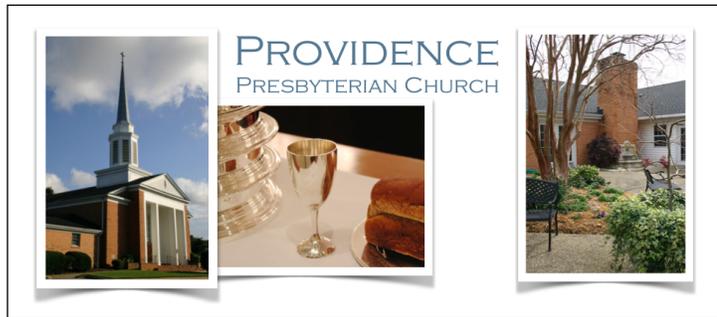
text by Issac Watts
music by G.F. Handel

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

POSTLUDE

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

arr. John S. Dixon



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