

September 3, 2023



## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# We 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 10:00 am.

### Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. for piano solo by Mark Hayes

### Words of Welcome

*(please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor)*

### Minute for Mission

Vision Team

### Opening Prayer

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

### Introit

*Feed Us, Lord*

Great Scheer, 2007

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again.  
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.  
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.  
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.  
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

## Call to Worship

Turn us, O God,  
**away from the world's temptations and distractions.**  
Return us, O God,  
**to the quiet calm of your presence.**  
Restore us, O God,  
**to the path you call us to follow.**  
Orient us, O God,  
**to the hope of all that is possible through you.**  
Let us worship God.

## Hymn 511

*Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

John F. Underwood, 1993  
Robert Williams 1817

*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.**

## Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. 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

**Gracious God, we want to live as people worthy of your calling. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, and bless others with our words and actions. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don't know our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence, that we may indeed live as people worthy of your calling. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

# We Hear God's Word

## First Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

## Trio

*Then Sings My Soul*  
(Robin Birdwell, Karen Dixon, Susan Ayers)

arr. Mary McDonald

## Time with Young Disciples

## Second Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

## Sermon

Burning Questions

# We Respond in Thanks

## Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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 Bread and Cup

Prayer

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn SF2129**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Anonymous

## 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**

Postlude on "Come, Labor On"

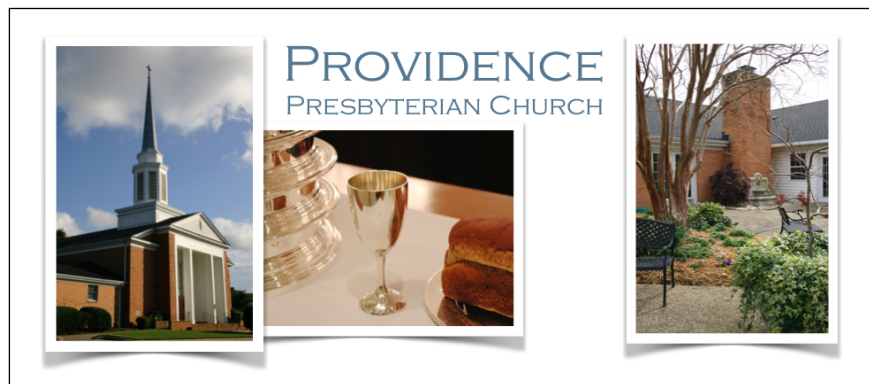
John S. Dixon

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### Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Robie Armbruster - Clerk of the Session	Robin Birdwell - Worship Chair	Elizabeth Carter
Chris Bauman - Fellowship Chair	Matt Clatterbuck	Jane Pritchett
Sue Crosland	Kevin Daley	Connie Salter - Christian Life Chair
Tom McMahan - Administration Chair	Dale Passarella - Property Chair	Ashley Schroeder
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