

September 10, 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
to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story
(Lyle Bagley, cornet)

arr. D. R. Heier

Words of Welcome

(please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor)

Opening Prayer

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

Introit

Siyahamba South African
(Bells of Providence, Chancel Choir, Children, and Congregation) arr. Robert J. Ward

Siyahamba ku-kha-nyeni kwen-khos
(We are marching in the light of God.)

Call to Worship

God's people come together in this place and time.

We come here to bring our praises, to be in community, to sing, and to pray.

Come, even with your difficulties.

We come with our troubles because this is a place of healing and faith.

Come, too, with your successes.

We come with joy for this is a place of celebration and love.

Come with your sins as well.

We come as we are for this is a place of forgiveness and hope.

Come, here you will find God's grace.

Hymn 405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

John L. Bell, 2002

*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

Lord, it's plain and simple: our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are different from your ways. Try as we may, we are unable to walk in perfect step with you. We put other things first: our social lives, our to-do-lists, our material gain, our addictions, our elegance, our own pleasures, our own plans. And yet, you give us chance after chance to shape our thoughts and ways around you. Forgive our misplaced priorities, O, God. Shape our behavior and lifestyles by the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, that we might follow you. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Anthem

Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name
(Lyle Bagley, cornet)

Linda Spevacek-Avery

Time with Young Disciples

Blessing of the Backpacks

Second Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon

Why All the Fuss?

We Respond in Thanks

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.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

Be Thou My Vision
(Michael Cohen, oboe)

arr. John Carter

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 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Tom Colvin, 1969
Ghanaian folk melody

Benediction

Benediction Response

May the Lord

***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

Rondo Benvenuto

John S. Dixon

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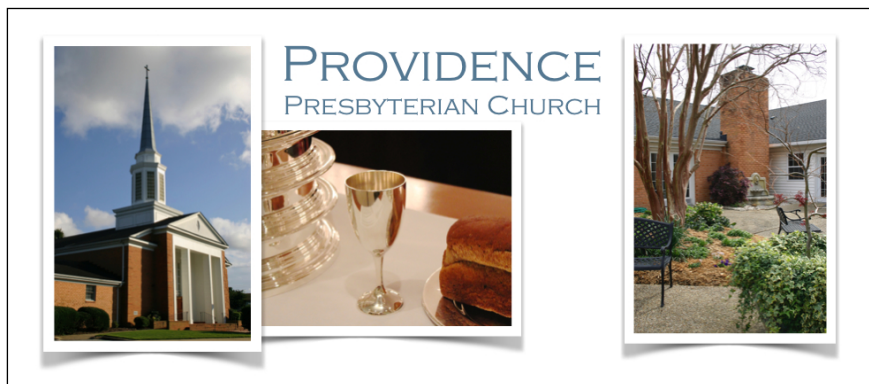
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