

September 24, 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 11:00 am.

### Prelude

*Trumpet Tune in G*

John S. Dixon

### 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

*Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord (Laudate Dominum)*

Jacques Berthier

*Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. (Laudate Dominum)*

*Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! (omnes, gentes, alleluia!)*

### Call to Worship

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**This day is God's gift to us.**

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.**

With joy, let us worship God.

### Hymn 664

*Morning Has Broken*

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931  
Gaelic melody

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

## **Affirmation of Faith - (from the Book of Common Worship)**

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. 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**

**Merciful God, you call out to us, yet so often we reject, ignore, or simply miss your invitation. Busy, bored, complacent, and focused on status and success, we choose paths that separate us from you, from your creation, and from our neighbors. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts in selfish ways or in ways that defy you. Forgive the harm we do. Empower us with your grace. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

# **We Hear God's Word**

## **First Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

## **Anthem**

*As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom

## **Time with Young Disciples**

## **Second Reading**

Exodus 16: 2-15

## **Sermon**

Ultimate Trust

# 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

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 822

*When We Are Living*

Roberto Escamilla  
Spanish 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

Trumpet Voluntary on "Calfari"

John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins  
 Today's Liturgist, Nancy Lindgren  
 Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum  
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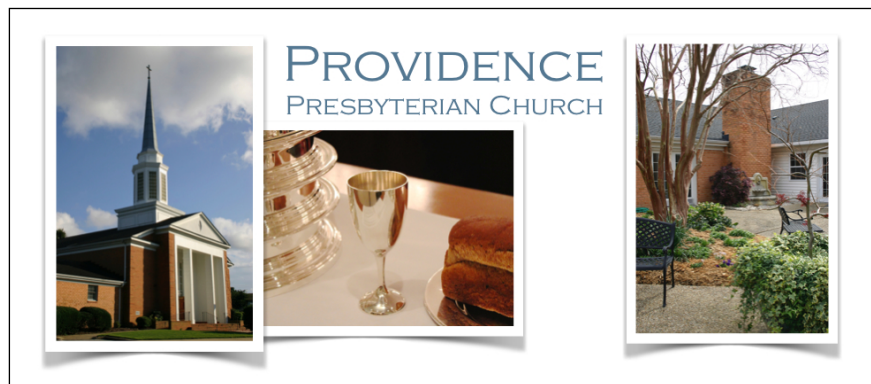
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### Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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Sue Crosland	Kevin Daley	Connie Salter - Christian Life Chair
Tom McMahan - Administration Chair	Dale Passarella - Property Chair	Ashley Schroeder
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