

October 22, 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

Prelude on "Thaxted"
(Lyle Bagley, cornet)

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

God, We Honor You

James E. Clemens, 2008

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Call to Worship

Come to this time of worship with gladness. Children of God, rejoice!

We are delighted to be in this space; to worship together; and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship giving thanks for our material blessings.

God has blessed us with lives of abundance, finding more than we need at every turn.

In recognition of God's generosity to us,

We respond with generosity to God.

It is the giving of our treasure that makes our ministry possible.

Today we come with gratitude, bringing our thanks and praise.

Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

J. Neander, 1680

music from a 1665 German songbook
handbell arrangement by Cathy Moglebust

(Bells of Providence; Lyle Bagley, cornet; Chancel Choir and Congregation)

*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

Good and generous God, you have named us and claimed us and blessed us with your good hands. Yet we have tried to divide your creation into what is ours and what is yours. Forgive our foolish and selfish ways. Remind us that all that we have, all that we are, comes from you. You have blessed us with time, talent, and treasure and simply ask that we respond to your generosity by giving back in your name. Yet too often our first thought is of our own needs, rather than a faithful response. Change our hearts to make us people who joyfully and generously give out of praise to you. Turn us from our selfish ways and make us people who recognize the abundance we are surrounded with each day. Embolden us to manage all the gifts you have blessed us with and entrusted to our care. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

What Feast Will You Bring?
(Michael Cohen, oboe)

Charles McCartha

Time with Young Disciples S

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Sermon

The Only Thing

Stewardship Hymn

Each Christian Has a Calling
(See insert, verses 1 and 5)

David Gambrell, 2020

We Respond in Thanks

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.

Minute For Stewardship

Sue Crosland

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Aria from Suite No. 1
(Michale Cohen, oboe)

John S. Dixon

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.***

Litany of Dedication of Our Offerings

Creator and Generous God, the earth is yours, the world, and all who live in it. We are showered by your blessings.

You have created us and entrusted us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise today, we respond to your call.

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity with our thanks and praise.

We offer you our best – our talents and gifts, our dollars and hours, our very hearts, and lives. We commit ourselves to love and serve wherever you call.

We ask your blessing on us, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

Bless all the gifts we offer, today and always, our investment in future ministry. With joy we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

Hymn 697

Take My Life

F. R. Havergal, 1874
H. A. Malan, 1827

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

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

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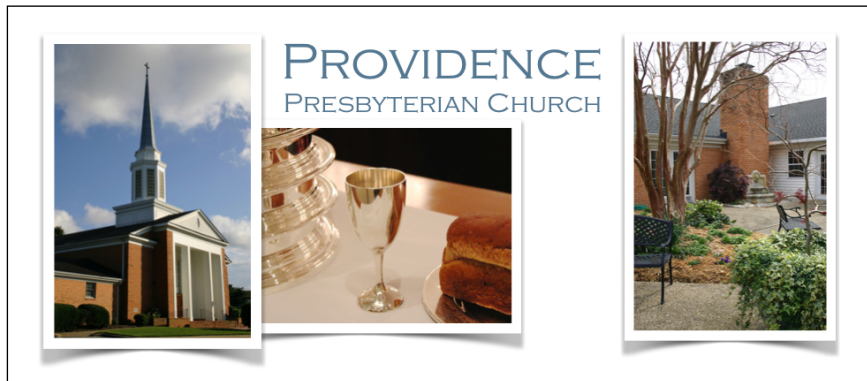
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