

November 19, 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

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
(Merry Bells)

arr. F. Thomas Simpson

*(A time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship)*

### Words of Welcome

*(Please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor.)*

### Minute For Mission

Nominating Committee

### 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, 1980

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

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

### Call to Worship

Come, all who are weary from the past week.

**We come seeking rest; we come seeking comfort.**

Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

**We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.**

Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

**We come as Christ's students, ready to listen and learn.**

Let us worship with joy.

### Hymn 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Henry Alford, 1844  
George J. Elvey, 1858

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

### **Affirmation of Faith - selected line from *A Declaration of Faith***

**We confess that Jesus is our living Lord.  
Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead.  
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.  
They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified.  
We are certain that Jesus lives.  
We declare that Jesus is Lord.  
His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.  
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now he is Lord. 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, we confess that once again, we have made choices that separate us from you, that deny the potential of what you created us to be. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, both by our actions and inactions. We have wounded creation and have chosen our ways over your ways. We ask for forgiveness. We ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past and shape our future so that we might build your kingdom here. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Words of Assurance**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

### **Anthem**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

John S. Dixon

### **Time with Young Disciples**

### **Second Reading**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25

### **Sermon**

Making a Choice

# We Respond in Thanks

## Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

## 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 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

James Quinn, 1969  
Gaelic 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

*Holy Manna*

arr. John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

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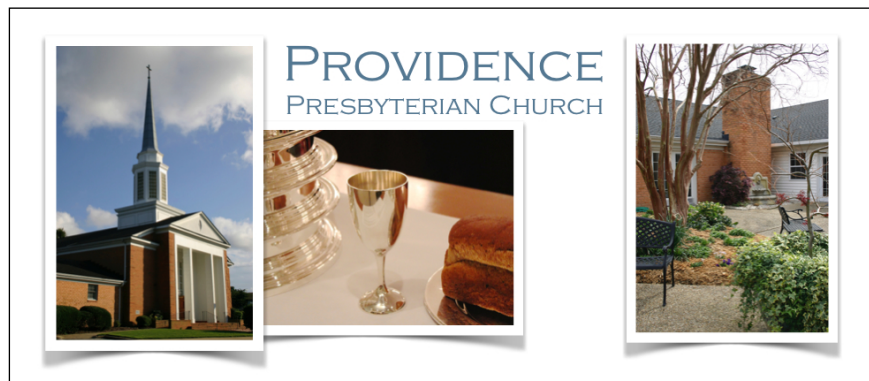
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