

March 10, 2024



## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Rooted in Faith, Nurtured by Grace, Growing God's Kingdom*

# 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

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

Charles Callahan

### 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*

Jacques Berthier

### Call to Worship

We gather to share in the gospel of Christ:

**To lean on the story of God's great love.**

We gather to answer the call of Christ:

**To walk the road that leads to a cross.**

We gather to be the body of Christ:

**To serve the One who is our Head.**

We gather to follow the way of Christ:

**Let us sing praises to our God!**

### Hymn 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Henry van Dyke, 1907  
melody by Beethoven

### Prayer of Confession

**We confess, Holy One, that in our human foolishness, we too often believe that we are all we need. We fail to acknowledge your presence, seeking to go our own way, and following our own desires. We have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. From this centeredness on self, we let you down, we let others down, we let ourselves down. Forgive us. Help us follow your direction. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul M. Vasile, 2008

## We Hear God's Word

First Reading

John 3:14-21

Duet

*You Are Mine*  
(Linda Baker and Dudley Crosland)

David Haas  
arr. Mark Hayes

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

Number 21:4-9

Sermon

*Something to Focus On*

## We Respond in Thanks

Welcoming Our Confirmation Class

Opening Words

Presentation of Confirmands by Session

Profession of Faith by Confirmands

Affirmation of Faith

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

**I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God created everything, and that he is the Almighty Father,  
and my Lord and Savior.**

**God is the Father who made the world.**

**I believe God is the creator of the universe and that he created me and loves all of us.**

**I believe Jesus was born to forgive our sins.**

**Jesus Christ was born to Mary, grew up, did a bunch of miracles, loved lots of people,  
then was killed on the cross even though he was perfect.**

**I believe that God sent his only Son to die on the cross for our sins  
so that we may enter heaven.**

**I believe that if we find Jesus we can find peace in ourselves and not worry.**

**I believe that the Holy Spirit is God's Spirit doing work in the world.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit helps me grow closer to God.**

**I believe we should put our full trust into God because he has a plan for us.**

**I rely on the Bible as God's inspired and authoritative word, guiding my faith and future.**

**I am committed to the importance of prayer, sacrament,  
and fellowship with other believers. Through these things, I seek to grow  
in my relationship with God and fulfill His purpose for my life.**

**I strive to love God and love my neighbors with all my heart,  
following the example of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Question of Membership

Confirmation Prayer

Congregational Welcome

**All of you, by publicly professing your faith, have expressed intention to continue in the covenant God made with each of you in your baptism. Now the congregation and I rejoice with you as you join in our shared mission of the church. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome each of you into our church family to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**Hymn 487** (v.1,4, and 5)

*These Treasured Children*

Jacque Jones, 2009  
15<sup>th</sup> century melody

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

setting by Emma Lou Diemer

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 377**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

# We Go in Christ's Name To Serve

**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**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

Have a blessed week!

*Today we celebrate this year's Confirmation Class, whose members include:*

*Skylar Burdette, Lillian Crouch, Dominic Glass,  
Joshua Rohde, Micah Rohde, and Rachel Schroeder*

*A very special thanks to the adults who were such a meaningful part of this process:  
Susan Ayers, Robin Birdwell, Michelle Bolton, Kevin Daley, Karen Moore, and  
Rich Lindgren, who served as mentors, and Sue Grosland and Jane Pritchett who  
provided lunches.*

*\*\*Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special time of welcome  
and celebration.\*\**

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins  
 Today's Liturgist, Dianne Stockmeier  
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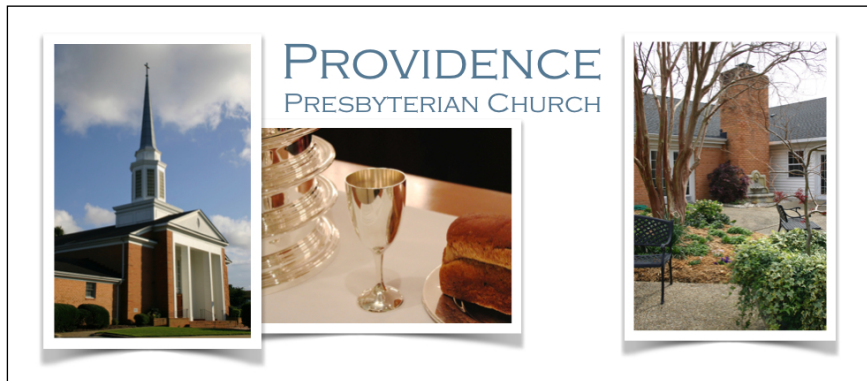
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### Session Members

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Robin Birdwell - Worship	Elizabeth Carter - Administration Chair	Robie Armbruster - Clerk of the Session
Matt Clatterbuck - Worship Chair	Jane Pritchett - Fellowship Chair	Susan Ayers - Fellowship
Dale Passarella - Property Chair	Connie Salter - Christian Life Chair	Sue Crosland - Christian Life
Kevin Daley - Property	Ashley Schroeder - Mission Outreach Evangelism Chair	Tom McMahan - Administration
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