

April 7, 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
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to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

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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

Be Not Afraid

Jacques Berthier, 1993

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Call to Worship

This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

This is the good news: once we were without identity; now we are God's people.

We joyfully shout Alleluia!

Let us worship the Risen Christ.

Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

text by John M. Neale, 1852
15th century melody

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

Affirmation of Faith - selected lines 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.

Prayer of Confession

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.

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, your love is boundless. You seek us out and we cannot hide from you. Forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, pardon us and give us the courage to forgive others. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

1 John 1:1-5

Anthem

Sweet Music

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Be Careful What You Wish For

We Respond in Thanks

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

Installation of Care Team Leaders

Hymn 691,(v.1-2) *Lord When I Came into This Life*

Fred Kaan, 1973
American folk melody

Introduction of Care Team Leaders

Call to Discipleship & Service

Questions to the Care Team Leaders

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this congregation,
accept these Care Team Leaders
as those chosen by God and appointed by the Holy Spirit,
to nurture and care for our members this year,
and to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Commissioning Prayer

Charge & Welcome

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*
(Robin Birdwell, soprano)

from Handel's *Messiah*

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 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

We Go in Christ's Name To Serve

Benediction

Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

Postlude

Gospel Chorus

Sandy Small

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins
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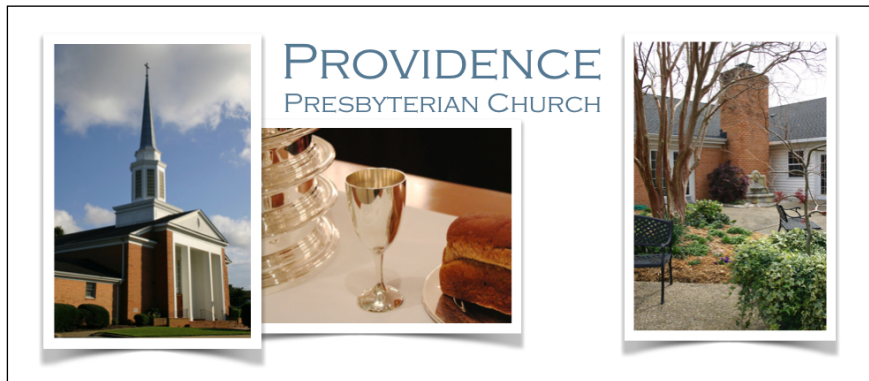
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