

APRIL 28, 2024



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(Merry Bells)

arr. Kevin McChesney

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Tolling of the Bell - Rung three times to symbolize our Triune God

Introit

Live in Charity (Ubi caritas)

Jacques Berthier, 1991

*Live in charity and steadfast love, (Ubi caritas et amor,)
Live in charity; God will dwell with you. (Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.)*

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord for what he has done.

Those who come to the Lord will praise him.

All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to him.

The Lord is King and he rules the nations.

Future generations will speak of the Lord to the coming generations.

People not yet born will be told, "The Lord saved his people."

Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

text by Brian Wren, 1995
from *Musica Sacra*, 1778

*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

Heavenly Father, we have missed many opportunities to tell others of your saving love by both word and deed. Often, we have made the gospel unattractive by failing to live lives of joy and compassion. We acknowledge our responsibility for sharing the Good News about Jesus, and ask that, empowered by your Spirit, we may be used by you to bring others into the fellowship of those who put their trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

John 15: 1-8

Anthem

I Believe

Anonymous Jewish poem
music by Mark A. Miller

*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.*

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

Acts 8: 26 - 40

Sermon

A Gift and a Responsibility

RESPONDING AS PEOPLE OF FAITH

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.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Near the Cross

arr. Robert J. Powell

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African American Spiritual

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

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Clerambault (1676-1749)

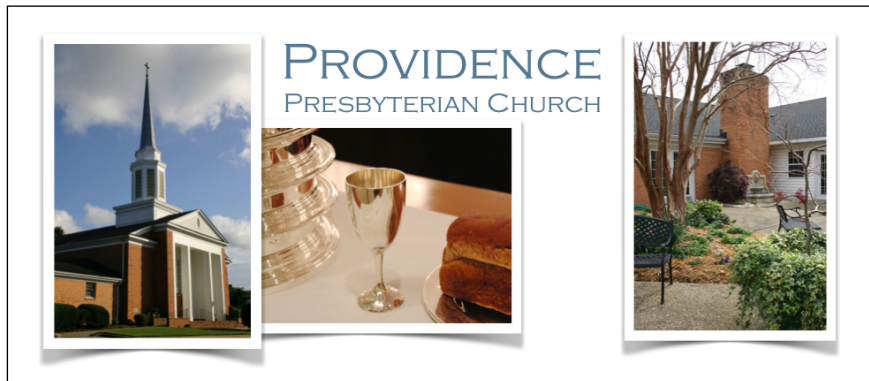
Have a blessed week!

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