

November 1, 2020



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

The Diaspora 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

"For All the Saints"

Text: William How
Music: R. Vaughan-Williams

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Invocation

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

Call to Worship

So often we're tempted to be boastful and proud, trying to outdo others in our piety. We are called to be humble in God's sight.

We tend to look at those who have power in the community and who lord it over us.

You don't need to do that. All that God wants is our faithfulness.

We are grateful because God forgives us.

God's love is poured over us this day and all days, to nourish and heal our lives.

Gracious God, thank you for being patient with us and giving us second chances.

Help us today hear your words of healing and grace. Amen.

Opening Song

"How Lovely, Lord" (Psalms 84)
(Robin Birdwell)

text by Arlo Duba
Music by Hal Hopson

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her home;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.*

*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.

*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

Lord, you provide rushing waters to quench our thirst, and we complain about vast deserts. You shower us with love and guidance while we complain about all the work placed before us. You give us gifts for healing and building and we denigrate those gifts. Forgive us the many times when we are angry, greedy, lazy and weak. Heal those wounds so that we can serve others more effectively. Embrace all of us, the apathetic and ignorant, the angry and greedy, with your mercy and justice so that we may grow in your spirit to live lives of compassion and witness to your love and power for all. We ask these things in Jesus' name, as we offer these silent confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

(11 am only) **Time with Young Disciples**

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mathew 23:1-12

Sermon

"Humility"

Rev. Walt Hunting

Communion Song

"Come to the Table of Grace"
(Robin Birdwell)

text and music by Barbara Hamm

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

Come to the table of peace. . .

*A time to offer
prayer for others
and ourselves to
God.*

Sacrament of Communion

We Give Thanks to God

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.

We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig and Nancy Price

(members of the Chancel Choir; Robie Armbruster, production)

*Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every 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.*

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has been
pre-recorded
and may be found
on the church's
website.*

*Please see online
instruction below*

Postlude

"Holy Manna"

by John S. Dixon

Pre-recorded Music

“Arioso”

by John S. Dixon

“Holy Manna”

by John S. Dixon

Online instruction for Worship

1. Go to provpres.org/worship
2. The top green buttons are the bulletin, sermon notes, and bulletin for the kids.
3. Scroll down until you see pre-recorded Music from our Sanctuary.

This morning we welcome Rev. Walt Hunting to our pulpit. Now honorably retired, Rev. Hunting was ordained in 1967 and most recently served the Green Acres Presbyterian Church (Portsmouth) from 1979-2012. At retirement he was conferred with the title of Pastor Emeritus of the Green Acres congregation. Welcome, Rev. Hunting!

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Have a blessed week!