

December 24, 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 4:30 pm or
11:00 pm.

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

Please see online
instruction below

PRELUDE

"O Come , All Ye Faithful"

arr. Anna Laura Page

(Handbell Quartet: Tom McMahan, Kevin Daley, Nancy Whitaker, Stacy Johnson)

"Ave Maria"

Francisco Santiago

(Linda Baker, soprano; Justin Stanley, violin)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

arr. John Dixon

(Valetta Fellenbaum, piano; John Dixon, organ)

"Mary, Did You Know"

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

(Ashley Veraque, soprano)

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

arr. Anna Laura Page

(Handbell Quartet: Robie Armbruster, LeeAnn Armbruster, Susan Ayers, Sue Crosland)

"O Holy Night "

Adolphe Adam

(Dudley Crosland, tenor)

"Ave Maria"

Giulio Caccini

(Robin Birdwell, soprano; Katie Dixon, viola)

"Away in a Manger"

arr. Jason Krug

(Handbell Quartet: Jeff Bell, Debi Boettiger, Elizabeth Ita, Sue Crosland)

INVOCATION

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Tonight, we celebrate hope fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come.

Tonight, we celebrate the promise of peace on earth.

Let earth receive her King.

Tonight, we celebrate the joy of knowing a Savior has come.

Let every heart prepare Him room.

Tonight, we celebrate the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

5:00 pm only

CHORAL RESPONSE

"While We Are Waiting, Come" Text by Claire Cloninger

Music by Don Carson (1986)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*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 Virgina Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, 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.

CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(Dudley Crosland)

by John Francis Wade

*O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*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

God of Love Incarnate, we confess that, like the shepherds, we are terrified of Your glory; for in glory's light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety; how the lonely yearn to belong. We also see what's wrong in us: how passionately we pursue the things of this world but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we don't practice the peace You intended for our relationships, this world, or Your church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find You. This we pray in Jesus' name, as we offer our silent confessions...

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

(5:00 pm only)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

"Do You See What I See?" - 5:00 pm

"Do You Have Room?" - 11:30 pm

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

PASTORAL 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.

BENEDICTION

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As "Silent Night" is being played, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ candle. The elders will then light the candles of the first worshiper in each pew. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. (To avoid wax spills the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.)

CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

text by Joseph Mohr
music by Franz Gruber
arr. by John S. Dixon

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star; lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace; Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star; lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our king: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

Merry Christmas!

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.

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