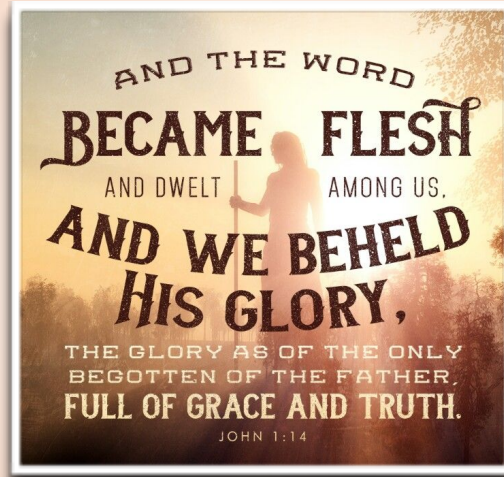


January 3, 2021



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

"As with Gladness Men of Old" Text by William Chatterton Dix, 1858
Music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.*

*Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no start to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

From the ends of the earth we come.

With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,

God turns our mourning into dancing, And our sorrow into joy.

Opening Song

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" by John H. Hopkins (1857)
(Gary Reese, Jim Clagett, Robie Armbruster)

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
[Refrain] O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. [Refrain]*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. [Refrain]*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]*

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.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have given us everything; And we fail to respond with gratitude.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; And we answer with empty promises and lies.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; And we try to hide ourselves from your glory.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; And we don't always appreciate your sacrifice.
Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power
to become what you created us to be: beloved children, full of grace and truth...**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Time with Young Disciples

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

*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.*

(11 am only)

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Sermon

"Grace Upon Grace"

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Song:

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

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. . .

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

"What Can I Give Him?"
(Robin Birdwell)

text by Christina Rosetti
music by Gustav Holst

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

Postlude

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. John S. Dixon

Pre-recorded Music

"Pastoral on Carol of the Bagpipers"

by John S. Dixon

"Fantasia on We Three Kings"

arr. 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.

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

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Have a blessed week!

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