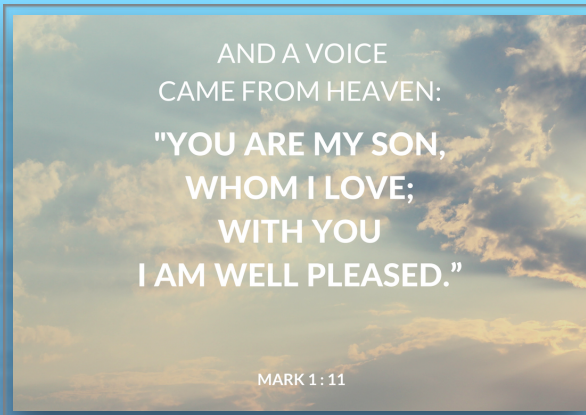


January 10, 2021



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

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" text by Charles Coffin, 1736
music by M. Praetorius, 1609

*What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.*

*'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.*

*While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys,
And urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.*

*O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children.

Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.

Amen.

Opening Song

"Amazing Grace"

Old American Hymn
text by John Newton (1772)
arr. by Christine Anderson

(Valetta Fellenbaum, handbells; John Dixon, piano)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

*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 have blessed us with life. We praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives must delight and perplex you. Too often we are inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful and seek the applause of others. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding and bruised. We have tried to heal ourselves in our own ways, and they have not worked. We feel often as though we are in a boat, drifting in water, without oars or sails, unable to gain direction or see the shore. We long to be comforted and to feel secure in your love. As we come to you with our confessions, we seek your healing and forgiving love. This we pray in Jesus' name, as we offer our silent confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

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

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

Sermon

"Drink Deep"

We Give Thanks to God

*A time to offer
prayer for others
and ourselves 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

"May The Lord"

John S. Dixon

(sung by members of the Chancel Choir; video produced by Robie Armbruster)

Postlude

"Joyful Hymn"

John S. Dixon

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

Pre-recorded Music

"Meditation on He Leadeth Me"

by John S. Dixon

"Joyful Hymn"

by John S. Dixon

*Please see online
instruction below*

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.

Have a blessed week!