

January 17, 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](http://www.provpres.org)  
to join us for a live  
broadcast starting  
at 11:00 am.

### Prelude

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* text by Joesph Hart, 1759  
music from Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms..*

### Invocation

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

### Call To Worship

God knows each one of us personally and loves each of us individually.

**Thanks be to God for such wonderful love!**

This morning we come into the presence of God.

**We come with hearts overflowing with gratitude!**

Let's celebrate God's mercy and compassion.

**Praise be to God who offers us hope. Amen.**

## Opening Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

words and music by Dan Schutte  
arr. by Craig Courtney

(Linda Baker)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*[Refrain] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

*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, there are days when we feel like we don't have anything that we can share that will improve the world around us. It's easy to donate funds for missions and the work of the church, but we don't see ourselves getting involved in ministry beyond writing a check. Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts you have blessed us with, and prod us to commit those gifts to your glory by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. 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

(11 am only)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Grace Eleanor Thune and Luke Thomas Thune

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Hear God's Word

**Scripture Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-20

**Sermon**

"The Danger of Sleeping in Church"

## 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**

"Toccatà in E minor"

by Johann Pachelbel

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

**Pre-recorded Music**

"Voluntary on Restoration"

by John S. Dixon

"Toccatà in E minor"

by Johann Pachelbel

*Please see online instruction below*

**Online instruction for Worship**

1. Go to [provpres.org/worship](http://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!*