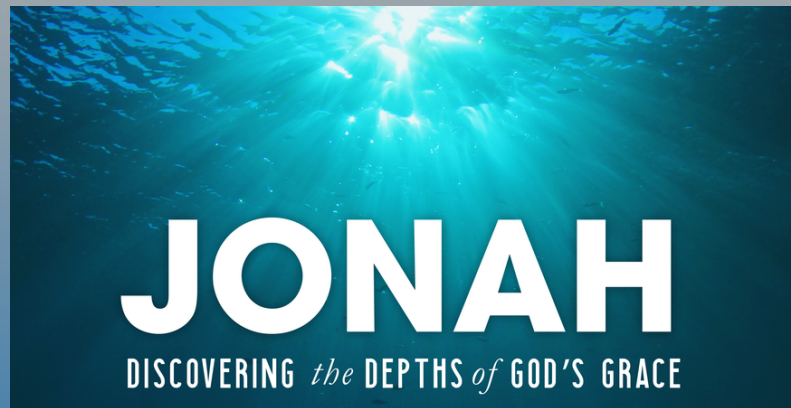


January 24, 2021



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

"How Firm a Foundation" text by John Rippon, 1787
music from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

Christ is calling us as disciples.

Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

We will be led into fields of mission and service.

Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Listen for Christ's call to you.

We are ready to serve you, Lord. Amen.

Opening Song "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" text by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
music by Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

(Ashley Veraque)

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.*

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy
peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!*

*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

We listen to the story of the call of Jonah and find it interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our lives, we don't think that we could leave everything and follow your command to minister to people who we judge to be terrible sinners. But you, O Lord, are persistent. You understand our confusion and doubts. And you continue to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world. It may not mean leaving everything behind, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever you call us. And that's hard. We want to place conditions on service, and usually those conditions are "if I have time" or "if I have the energy". Discipleship can be difficult. So forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus only on ourselves. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us when our angry attitudes and actions hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, heal our wounds, and bind us to you as you gently move us into service in your name. 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**

Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Sermon

"The Problem with Bananas"

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

"Hornpipe in D"

John S. Dixon

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

Pre-recorded Music

"Prelude on Foundation"

by John S. Dixon

"Hornpipe in D"

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!