

February 28, 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

"Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide"

text Civilla D. Martin, 1905
music W. Stillman Martin, 1905

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

*Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Chorus)*

*All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Chorus)*

*No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you. (Chorus)*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

Today we step up a little higher on our Lenten Journey

We are moving from contemplation to action.

Are you ready to take the next step?

Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.

Come, walk together on this journey to the Cross.

Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. Amen.

Opening Song

“Set Me As a Seal Upon Thine Heart”
(Dudley Crosland)

text from Song of Solomon 8:6
setting by John S. Dixon

*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine heart.
Set me as a seal upon thine arm, as a seal upon thine arm.
For love is strong; love is strong; love is strong as death.
Set me as a seal upon thine heart.*

*Love cannot be quenched by many waters;
Love cannot be drowned by flood.
For love is strong; love is strong; love is strong as death.
Set me as a seal, a seal upon thine heart.*

*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

Guiding Lord, even though we hesitate on our Lenten journey, we promise to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge of offering our whole self to you in service. We'd like to think that we can do that, but are aware of the many times we've turned away from service and instead focused on ourselves. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, Lord, as we continue toward the Cross...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

(11 am only)

Time with Young Disciples

Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Sermon

“When Faith Is a Laughing Matter”

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

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders, Class of 2024

Benediction

Benediction Response

"May The Lord"

John S. Dixon

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

Postlude

"Pastorale on Be Not Dismayed"

John S. Dixon

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

*Please see online
instruction below*

Pre-recorded Music

"Prelude in E-Flat"

by John S. Dixon

"Pastorale on Be Not Dismayed"

by 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.

Have a blessed week!