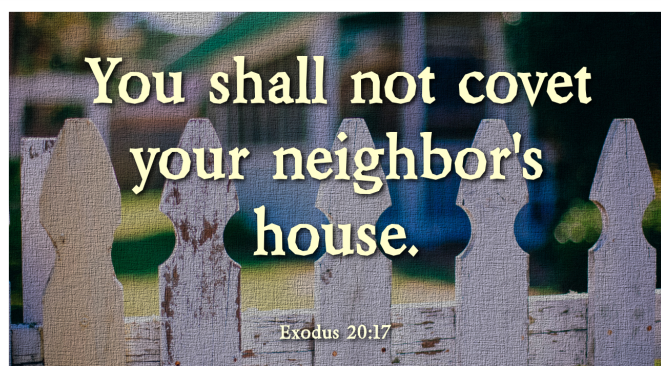


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## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

# The Church Gathers 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.

### Words of Welcome

### Invocation

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

### Introit

*"Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect (Psalm 19)"* text by Keith Landis, 1987  
music by Melchior Vulpius, 1609

### Prelude

*"Rigaudon"*

G.F. Handel

### Call To Worship

Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.**

We have felt the refreshment of time away.

**Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.**

Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn 175

*"Seek Ye First"*

text and music by Karen Lafferty

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You offer us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You invite us into ministries of peace and justice; but far too often we turn our backs on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy as we serve you, and that you will guide our steps and our lives. In your holy name we make our private confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem

“The Lily of the Valley”  
(Robin Birdwell)

Charles W. Fry, 1881  
arr. Michael Smith

Time with Young Disciples

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon

“How Zacchaeus Got His Groove Back”

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 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

## Closing Hymn 307

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

text by H. E. Fosdick, 1930  
music by John Hughes, 1907

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

*"May the Lord"*

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep us forever  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.*

## Postlude

*"Joyful Hymn"*

John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

### **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.