

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



**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

*"We Will Walk with God"* Swaziland text and melody

### Prelude

*"Prelude in E-flat"* John S. Dixon

### Call To Worship

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

**We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

**Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn 729

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* African American spiritual

*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.***

*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**

**God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering "lip service" to serving you, but when things get difficult - when we're called to do something hard - we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In your holy name we make our private confessions...**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Anthem**

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer (medley)"*  
(Linda Baker)

Walford/Bradbury;  
Hawks/Lowry; Elliott/Bradbury;  
Lemmel

*(11 am only)*

## **Time with Young Disciples**

# **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

## **Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:30-37

## **Sermon**

"Left verses Right"

# **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 738

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* text Washington Gladden, 1879  
music by Henry Percy Smith, 1874

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

*"May the Lord"*

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you 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

*"William Byrd's Galliard"*

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.