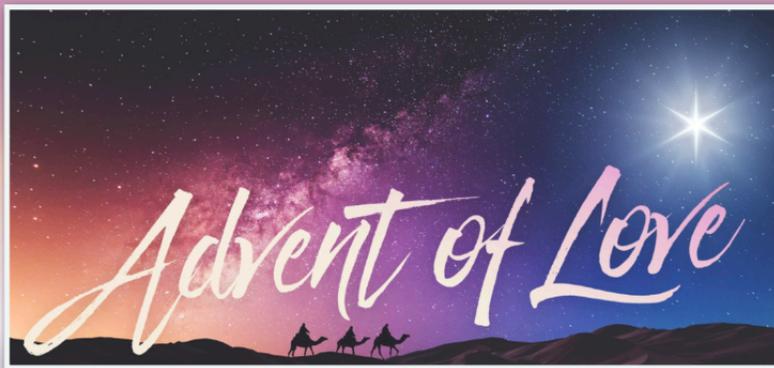


December 5, 2021



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

# The Church Gathers in God's Name

### Words of Welcome

### Invocation

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

### Introit

*"Comfort Ye...Every Valley"*  
(Dudley Crosland)

from Handel's *Messiah*

### Prelude

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*  
(Bells of Providence)

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

### Call to Worship

Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.

**May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

We long today for peace among nations.

**May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

We long today for peace among races.

**May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

**May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Opening Hymn 113

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

French carol

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.

*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**

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. This we ask in the name of the One who set us free as we make our private confessions...**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **Anthem**

40:4-5

*"Every Valley"*

text from Isaiah

music by John Ness Beck

*(11 am only)*

## **Time with Young Disciples**

# We Hear God's Word

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:15-20

### **Sermon**

*"The Faith of Christmas"*

# 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 128**

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Polish carol

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* pre-9th century Latin plainsong

*O Come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Postlude**

*"The Angel Gabriel"*

arr. 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.