

December 12, 2021



3rd 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

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.

Words of Welcome

Invocation

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

Introit

"The King Shall Come"

John Wyeth
arr. Austin Lovelace

Prelude

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Folk carol

Call to Worship

Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Clatterbuck family

Opening Hymn 143

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Henry T. Smart, 1867

*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

In your presence, Holy God, we confess our need to repent. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We don't live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we live in fear. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. This we ask in the name of the One who died to set us free as we make our private confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem

*"Magnificat (Song of Mary)" from Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio
(Linda Baker, Dudley Crosland, Wayne Baker)*

(11 am only)

Time with Young Disciples

Sacrament of Baptism

Reagan Michelle Holland

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:22-25

Sermon

"The Name 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 121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

text by Phillips Brooks, 1868
music by Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Benediction

Benediction Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

pre-9th century Latin plainsong

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Postlude

"The Wexford Carol "

arr. John S. Dixon

Have a blessed week!

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.