

January 1, 2023



## 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.

### Prelude

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Gustav Holst

### Words of Welcome

### Minute for Mission

### Invocation

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

### Introit

*Raise a Song of Gladness (Jubilate Deo)*

Jacques Berthier

### Call to Worship

Go tell it on the mountain.

**We will tell of God's love and grace.**

Tell it over the hills and everywhere.

**God's light shines for all people.**

Go, tell it on the mountain.

**Praise God! For Jesus Christ is born!**

### Hymn 150

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

text by W. C. Dix, 1858  
music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

*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**

**Holy God, as the calendar starts anew, we remember our actions over the past twelve months and realize we have not always done what is pleasing to you. O God of goodness and light, as we prepare to enter a fresh new year, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lived out of our pride and stubbornness and failed to turn to you in our times of need. We think we are self-sufficient and in control, when we need to be reminded how much we depend on you. Turn our hearts to you, so that we may recognize your never-ending love and grace. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Anthem**

*Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us*

Beth Rice Luttrell  
Benjamin Harlan

*(Please see back of insert for text. Congregation joins the choir on last verse.)*

## **Time with Young Disciples**

**We Hear God's Word**

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2:13-23

## **Sermon**

I Dreamed a Dream

## **Sacrament of Communion**

# 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.**

## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

## Hymn 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Louis Benson, 1899  
English folk tune

# We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

*Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig and Nancy Price

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.***

***Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

## Postlude

*March of the Wise Men*

French noel

*Have a blessed week!*

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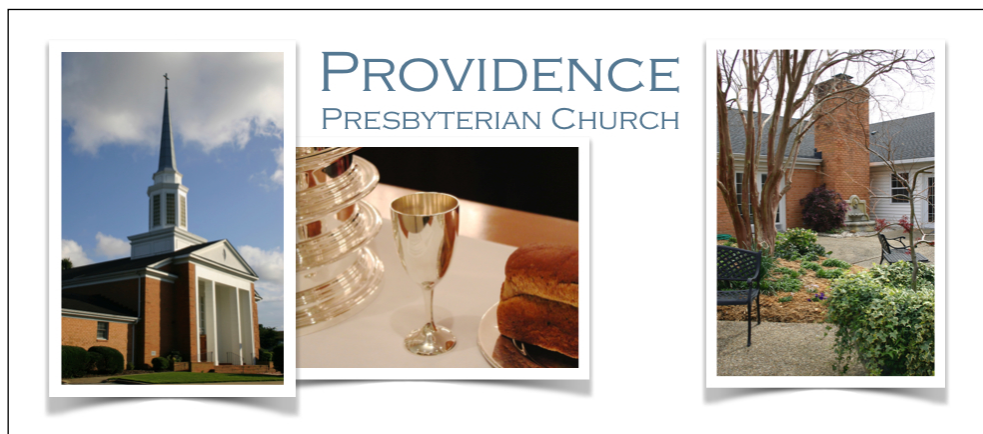
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