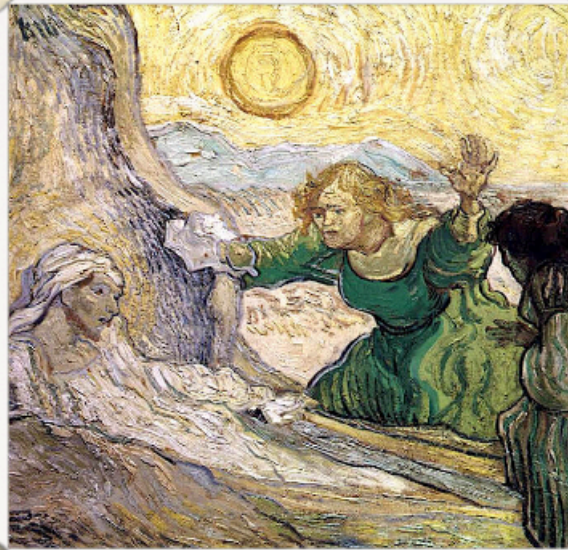


MARCH 26, 2023



## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# WE GATHER 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

Bellsong  
(Merry Bells)

Douglas E. Wagner

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

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

### Introit

*Spirit of the Living God*

Daniel Iverson, 1926

### Call to Worship

Come as you are, broken and burdened,

**And find healing in God's goodness.**

Come as you are, weary and wary,

**To find comfort in God's embrace.**

In Christ, we, who were lost, are found.

**We, who were dead, are alive.**

No matter how far we stray,

**We are always welcomed home into God's loving arms.**

Let us joyfully worship God.

## Hymn 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

Sidney Carter, 1963  
American Shaker melody

*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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, our burden weighs us down. Our mistakes are too real to hide, too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can't bear to claim. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed by your grace. Give us the strength and courage to bear your yoke willingly, and heed your call faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

## Anthem

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings, 1770  
arr. Peter Paul Olejar

## Children's Sermon

## Second Reading

John 11:1-45

## Sermon

Skeleton Dance

# WE RESPOND IN THANKS

## Service of Installation of Elders, Class of 2026

### Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts

**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,

**but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**

To each is given a gift of the Spirit

**to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**and individually members of it.**

## Statement of Installation

## Presentation of Candidates

*Nancy Lindgren, Connie Salter, Ashley Schroeder*

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.**

## **Constitutional Questions to the Elders Elect**

### **Constitutional Questions to the Congregation**

Do we, the members of Providence Presbyterian Church,  
accept these individuals as elders,  
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation  
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions,  
and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who  
alone is head of the church?

**We do.**

## **Prayer of Installation**

### **Declaration of Installation**

### **Charge and Welcome to New Elders**

### **Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

### **Hymn 688**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

George Croly, 1867  
F. C. Atkinson, 1870

## **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**

Meditation on "What a Friend We Have in Jesus "

John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins  
 Today's Liturgist, Karen Moore  
 Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum  
 Organist, John Dixon  
 Administrative Assistant, Kristen Ferragut

[pastor@provpres.org](mailto:pastor@provpres.org)

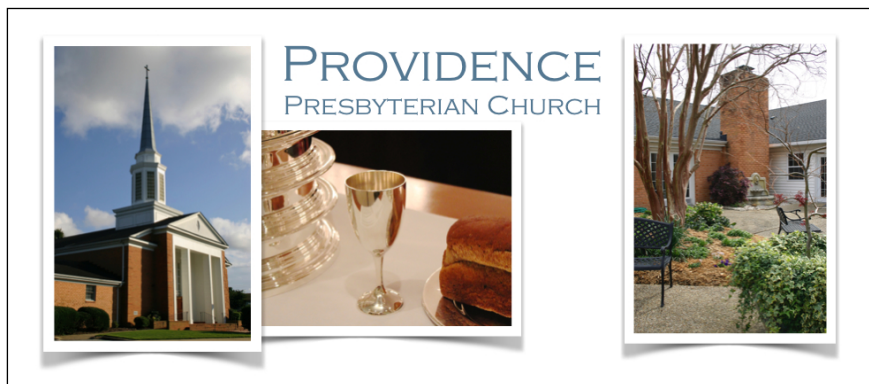
[music@provpres.org](mailto:music@provpres.org)

[music@provpres.org](mailto:music@provpres.org)

[office@provpres.org](mailto:office@provpres.org)

### Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Robie Armbruster - Clerk of the Session	Robin Birdwell - Worship Chair	Elizabeth Carter
Chris Bauman - Fellowship Chair	Matt Clatterbuck	Jane Pritchett
Sue Crosland	Kevin Daley	Connie Salter - Christian Life Chair
Tom McMahan - Administration Chair	Dale Passarella - Property Chair	Ashley Schroeder
Brent Nielson - Congregational Care Chair	Frances Stefonich - Mission Outreach Evangelism Chair	Nancy Lindgren



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 5497 PROVIDENCE ROAD  
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23464  
 (757) 420-6159  
[WWW.PROVPRES.ORG](http://WWW.PROVPRES.ORG)