



# *Providence Presbyterian Church* *A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love*

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## *Gathering as the People of God*

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**

*The Strife is O'er*  
 (Bells of Providence)

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer**

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

### **Introit/Processional**

*Processional Alleluia*

C. Harry Causey

### **Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

**He is not in the tomb, for he has been raised, as he said.**

The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty!

**Christ our Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Let us worship the risen Lord.

**Hymn 232**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Charles Wesley  
music from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**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.

**Prayer of Easter Joy**

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news. The stone is miraculously rolled away, the tomb is unquestionably empty and the glorious news of you alive ripples through the world. Reconciliation accomplished. Redemption certain. Death defeated. Sins forgiven. Salvation won. No longer can anything separate us from you. Fill us with such joy that we have no choice but to enthusiastically say, He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.

**Promise of God's Steadfast Love**

*We Hear God's Word*

**Anthem**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*  
(Michael Cohen, oboe)

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Children's Sermon**

**Reading**

John 20:1-18

**Sermon**

In the Dark

# *Responding as People of Faith*

## **Prayers of the People 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

*Adagio*  
(Michael Cohen, oboe)

from *Easter Oratorio*  
J. S. Bach

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

## **Hymn 238**

*Thine Is the Glory*

E. L. Budry, 1884  
G. F. Handel, 1748

## **Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

*Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, 1741  
(The congregation is invited to sing along. See bulletin insert)

## **Postlude**

Postlude on *Ode to Joy*

John S. Dixon

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins  
 Today's Liturgist, Kevin Daley  
 Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum  
 Organist, John Dixon  
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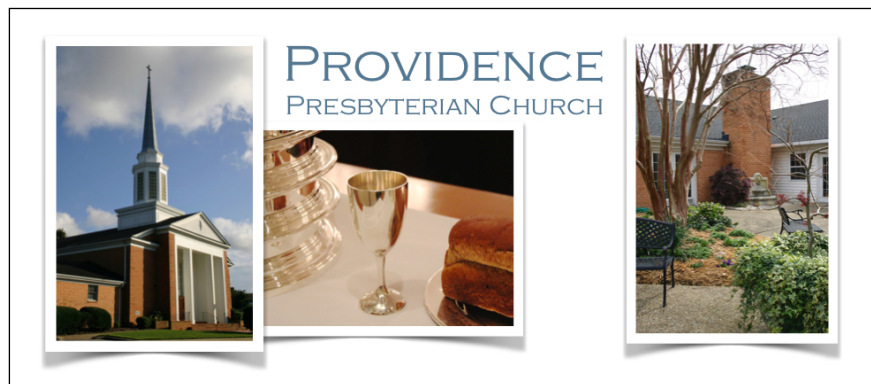
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