

April 16, 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

*King William's March*

Jeremiah Clarke

#### Words of Welcome

#### Opening Prayer

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

#### Introit

*Because You Live, O Christ*

Shirley Erena Murray, 1987  
Dutch melody

#### Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

We come to worship with joy and thanksgiving.

**We come to hear God's Holy Word, and experience the fellowship of this hour.**

We come to the waters to baptize.

**We come to experience God's grace.**

The family of God grows today.

**We extend an exuberant welcome to the newly baptized as we become their family.**

Let us worship with joy!

#### Hymn 233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

John Mason Neale, 1862  
Henry Thomas Smart, 1835

#### Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, your love is boundless. You seek us out and we cannot hide from you. Forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, pardon us and give us the courage to forgive others. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. 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.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Words of Assurance

# *We Hear God's Word*

## Anthem

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*  
(Robie Armbruster, alto recorder)

John Ylvisaker  
arr. John Helgen

## Sacrament of Baptism

*Cassandra Stephenson*

Opening Sentences

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith

*The Affirmation  
of Faith helps  
us express the  
faith and hope  
we have as  
people of God.*

**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.**

Prayer over the Water

Baptism

Welcome & Prayer

## Scripture

John 20:19-31

## Sermon

Can I Have Some Peace, Please?

# *We Respond in Thanks*

## Introduction of New Members

*Michael Cohen  
Rebecca Cohen  
Sandi Maxwell  
Sandra Riegel*

*Cassandra Stephenson  
West Whetstone  
Halsey Wilson*

Presentation of New Members

Opening Words

Questions to the New Members

Questions to the Congregation

Will you welcome those who stand before you with open arms and joyful hearts?

Will you invite them to join you in the unique ministry at Providence which God has blessed us with?

Will you pray for them, encourage them, and learn from them as together we celebrate our unity in Christ and the diversity of our gifts?

Prayer

Welcome

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## Make Us One



## Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

*The Lily of the Valley*  
(Robin Birdwell, soprano)

arr. Michael Smith

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 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Donald Fishel, 1971

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

Postlude on "This Joyful Eastertide"

John S. Dixon

Have a blessed week!

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

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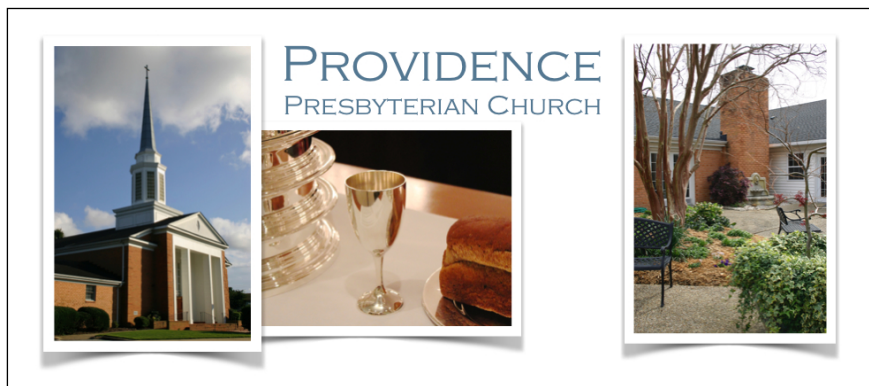
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### Ruling Elders

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



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