

May 7, 2023



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

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## 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**

*Largo*

John Alcock

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Introit**

*Nothing Can Trouble*

Jacques Berthier, 1986

**Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Let us give praise for God's mighty deeds.

**We will give praise for God's resurrecting power.**

The power of God rolls the stone away and opens the tomb.

**We are invited to embrace the promise of new and resurrected life.**

Let everything with life and breath praise God.

**Hymn 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Samuel J. Stone, 1866  
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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

## **Affirmation of Faith - (from the Book of Common Worship)**

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. 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**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that too often we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

# **We Hear God's Word**

## **First Reading**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

## **Anthem**

*Even Me*  
(Wayne Baker, baritone)

William B. Bradbury  
arr. Michael H. Reid

## **Time with Young Disciples**

## **Second Reading**

John 14:1-14

## **Sermon**

Saying Goodbye, Moving Forward

# We Respond in Thanks

## Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.***

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

## 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 526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Fred Kaan, 1975  
Jamaican folk melody

## 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

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. John S. Dixon

*Have a blessed week!*

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 Today's Liturgist, George Fitzgerald  
 Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum  
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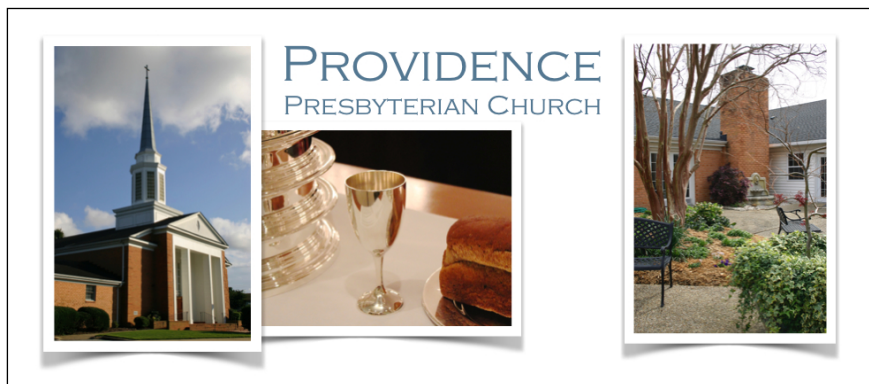
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### Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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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
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