

July 16, 2023



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome.
We are glad
you have chosen to
gather and worship!
Go to
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to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 10:00 am.

Prelude

Down in Yon Forest

English folk carol

Words of Welcome

(please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor)

Minute for Mission

Jane Pritchett

Opening Prayer

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

Introit (hymnal 458)

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet Amy Grant and Michael Smith
(sung by Choir and Congregation)

*(Refrain) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way; still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)*

Call to Worship

The time is coming and is now:

Time for love. Time for hope.

Time for mercy. Time for faith.

Time for worship. Time for prayer.

Time for singing. Time for praise.

The time is coming and is now.

Come, it is time to worship the Almighty God.

Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1844

George Elvey, 1858

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

Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed

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

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, act when we should be still, and hold grudges when we should forgive. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures and forgive our poor choices. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

Piano Duet

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth
arr. John Carter

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Relentlessly Sowing Seed

We Respond in Thanks

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.

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 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

African American spiritual

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 "Adeste Fideles"

John S. Dixon

Have a blessed week!

Interim Pastor, Rev. Libby Rollins
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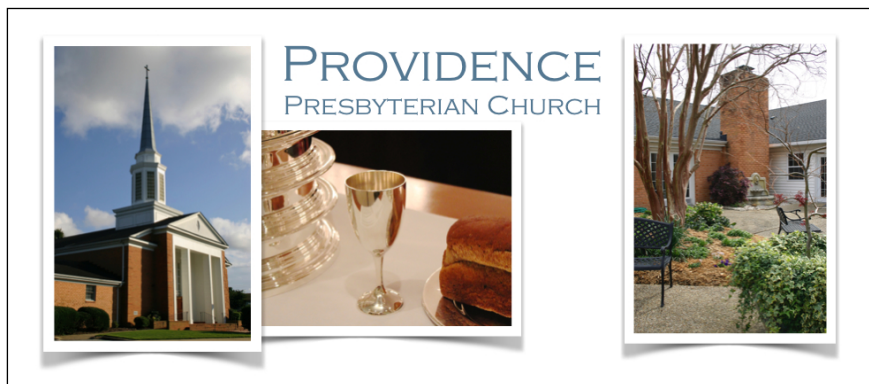
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