

July 30, 2023



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Gather in God's Name

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

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy ! Lord God Almighty!

Reginald Heber, 1827
John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Words of Welcome

(please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor)

Minute for Mission

Frances Stefonich

Opening Prayer

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

Introit

Jesus, We Are Here

Patrick Matsikenyiri, 1990

(sung by Choir and Congregation)

*Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.*

Savior, we are here. . .

Teacher, we are here. . .

Spirit, we are here. . .

Call to Worship

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

God's steadfast love draws us in to worship.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

We gather to sing songs of praise, proclaiming God's wondrous deeds.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

We gather to join our hearts in prayer for neighbors in need.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

We will praise the Lord today and always.

Come now and worship the Lord.

Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Ignaz Franz, 1774

music from an old German hymnbook

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

Affirmation of Faith - (from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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, your love is constant and your grace abundant. You call us to respond to your goodness living as ones who bring out the best in the world around us. You call us to be bold in our faith, and to share your love with those around us. We admit that we have failed your command. Forgive us of the help we have not offered, the prayers we have not spoken, and the faithful steps we have not taken. Forgive us, God, and through your forgiveness, inspire us to be your faithful servants and follow your will. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Vocal Ensemble

Oh, Happy Day Edwin Hawkins
(Linda and Wayne Baker, Maria Clagett, Carol and Paul Hickman)

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

Matthew 13:31-32

Sermon

It's All a Matter of Perspective

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 175

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty, 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 "*Holy Manna*"

John S. Dixon

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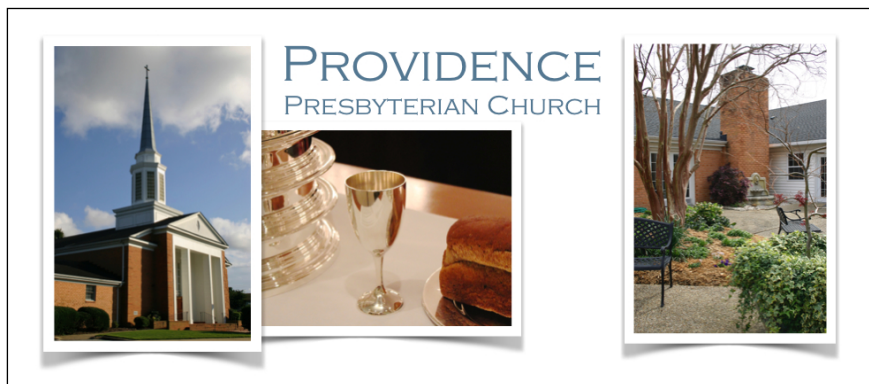
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Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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Sue Crosland	Kevin Daley	Connie Salter - Christian Life Chair
Tom McMahan - Administration Chair	Dale Passarella - Property Chair	Ashley Schroeder
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