

### PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Nurtured by Grace, Growing God's Kingdom

## 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 11:00 am.

**Prelude** 

**Introit** 

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Cruger, 1647 (A time to guietly prepare our hearts for worship)

**Words of Welcome** 

(Please sign friendship pads and pass to your neighbor.)

**Minute For Mission** 

**Opening Prayer** 

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

Jacques Berthier, 1986

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* 

### Call to Worship

The Lord is a great God who says: I am the Alpha and Omega,

the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Day and night around the throne they never stop singing,

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is to come.

Let us worship Christ our King.

**Hymn 265** 

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Isaac Watts, 1719 John Hatton, 1793

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

#### **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 Confession**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. We have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession** 

**Words of Assurance** 

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem Give Thanks Henry Smith arr. Phillip Keveren

**Time with Young Disciples** 

**Second Reading** Matthew 1: 1-17

Sermon A Question of Ancestry

(Rev. Dr. Robin Wooddell)

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.

# 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 268** 

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, 1851 George J. Elvey, 1868

**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** 

Fantasia on "Now Thank We All Our God"

John S. Dixon

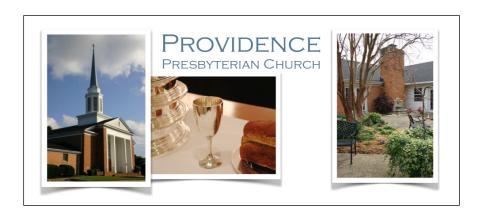
Have a blessed week!

Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robin Wooddell Today's Liturgist, Karen Moore Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum Organist, John Dixon Administrative Assistant, Kristen Ferragut

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### **Session Members**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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