

January 7, 2024



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter
(A time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship)

Gustav Holst

Words of Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

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

Introit

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Timothy R. Matthews
Emil Elliott

Call to Worship

In the beginning

God was.

Over the waters of creation, God spoke:

Let there be light!

In the beginning

God did a new thing.

At the waters of the Jordan,

God's Spirit was present.

Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:

This is my beloved Son.

A voice comes from heaven and calls us beloved.

At the waters of baptism, we are bathed in grace.

Let us worship the One who calls from the water.

We joyfully worship the God of love, forgiveness, and transformation

Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968
American folk melody

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.

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

Statement of Belief - selected lines from A Declaration of faith

We believe that Jesus, the long expected Savior,
came into the world as a child, descended from David,
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.
He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.
We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as is every child,
yet born of God's power, as was no other child.
In the person and work of Jesus,
God himself and a human life are united but not confused,
distinguished but not separated.
The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,
he brings about the relationship between God and humanity
that God always intended.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. 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

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing
your grace and rejecting your name. Too often, we choose to follow our own paths, which
lead us away from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own, claimed us as your children, and continue to love us
without limit. Shower us with your love again, so that we might walk in the way of Jesus
Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem

Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Mennonite hymn
Adger M. Pace
R. Fisher Boyce

Reception of New Member

Natalie Fetzer

Presentation of New Member

Opening words

Questions to the Congregation

Will you welcome the one who stands before you with open arms and joyful hearts?

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

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

Prayer

Welcome

*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.*

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Make Us One



Second Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

A Fresh Start

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 Solo

At the River
(Dudley Crosland, tenor)

American folk hymn
arr. Aaron Copland

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 482

Baptized in Water

Michael Saward, 1981
Gaelic 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.

Have a blessed week!

Postlude

March of the Wise Men

French noel

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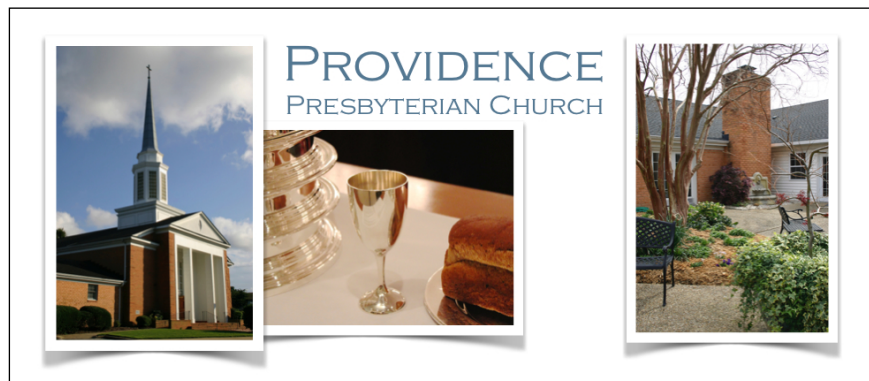
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