

July 14, 2024



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Gathering as the People of God

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 10:30 am.

Prelude

Greensleeves

English Carol

Words of Welcome

Minute for Mission

Lee Ann Armbruster

Opening Prayer

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

Introit

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Geonyong Lee, 1988

Call to Worship

God who dwells in the mystery of life,

Fill us with wonder as we traipse around your world.

Christ who offers kindness and mercy,

Fill us with understanding as we meet strangers, enemies, and friends.

Spirit who delivers dreams to us,

Draw us into your visions of love for our neighbors.

Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee text by Henry van Dyke, 1907
music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

*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.

*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 wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Solo

A Simple Song from *Mass* by Leonard Bernstein, 1971
(Dudley Crosland)

Children's Anthem

That Boy Child of Mary
(Providence Kids with Ashley Veraque)

Carol from Malawi

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Sermon

Is Christmas Only December 25th?
(Rev. Linda Rainey)

Responding as People of Faith

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 134

Joy to the World!

text by Isaac Watts, 1719
music by G. F. Handel, 1742

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

Recessional on "Adeste Fideles"

John S. Dixon

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 Organist, John Dixon
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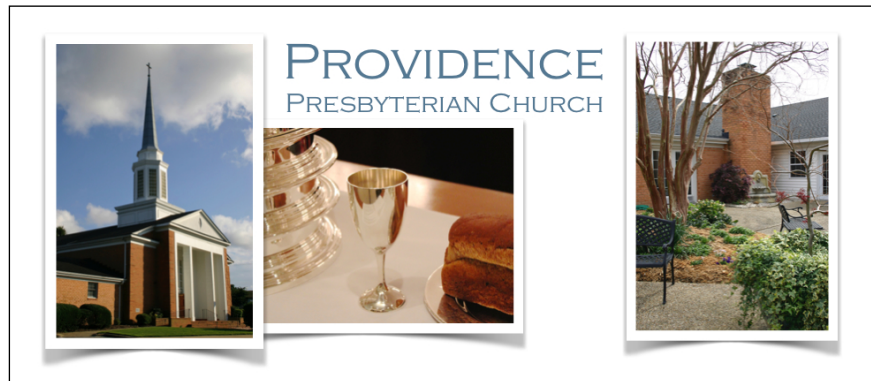
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