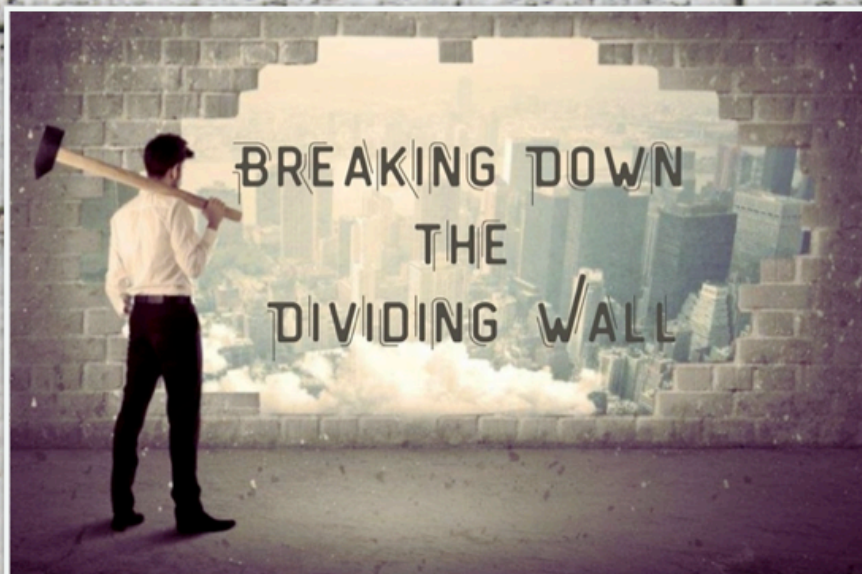


July 21, 2024



## 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](http://www.provpres.org)  
to join us for a live  
broadcast starting  
at 10:30 am.

### Prelude

*Sarabande*

J.J. De Neufville

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

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

### Introit

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* text by Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1953  
Japanese melody

### Call to Worship

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.**

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

**Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.**

Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.**

Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

## Hymn 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

text by Moses Malmonides  
Jewish melody, 17<sup>th</sup> century

*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

**Gracious God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, that we fail to see that you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, act and believe like us, while you throw open your doors to the stranger, and the alien in our midst. Forgive us, and by your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people, that we, too, may welcome all people as you have called us to do. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, Amen.**

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Words of Assurance

## We Hear God's Word

### First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

### Anthem

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

Spiritual  
arr. Dale Grotenhuis

### Time with Young Disciples

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

### Sermon

Estranged, Unity and Peace  
(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 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*      Prayer of St. Francis  
adapted by Sebastian Temple, 1963

## 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

*Trumpet Tune in F*

John S. Dixon

Bridge Pastor, Rev. Linda Rainey  
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 Today's Liturgists, Karen Moore  
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 Organist, John Dixon  
 Administrative Assistant, Kristen Ferragut

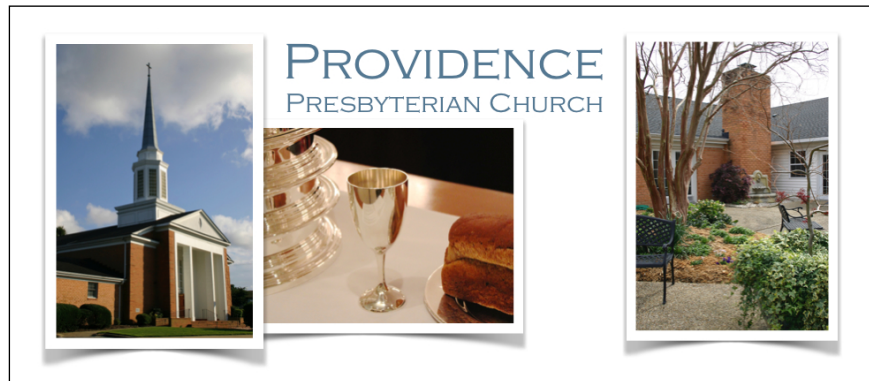
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