

August 18, 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**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
(Michael Cohen, oboe)

arr. Nancy Raabe

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Introit**

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith, 1978

**Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds. The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Hymn 641**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

F. P. Green, 1972  
C. V. Stanford, 1904

*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**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

# **We Hear God's Word**

## **First Reading**

Psalm 111:1-10

## **Anthem**

*Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes

## **Time with Young Disciples**

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:15 - 20

## **Sermon**

Living Our Best Life  
(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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Duane Funderburk  
(Micheal Cohen, oboe)

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 450 *Be Thou My Vision* Irish folk hymn

## 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Pau Manz

Bridge Pastor, Rev. Linda Rainey  
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 Director of Music, Valetta Fellenbaum  
 Organist, John Dixon  
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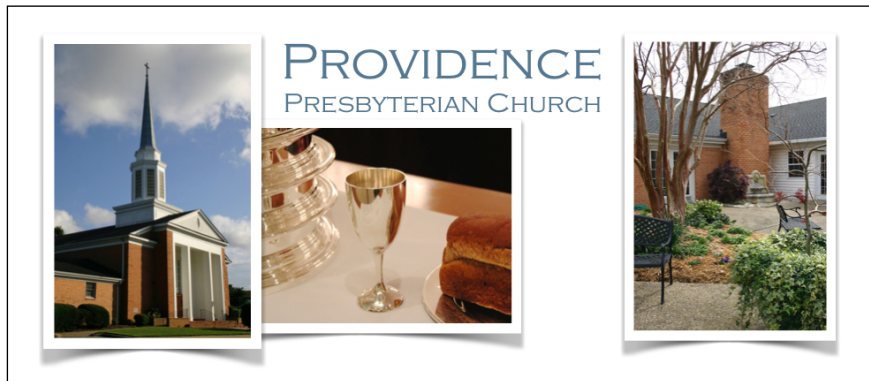
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