

### Providence Presbyterian Church Rooted in Faith, Nurtured by Grace, Growing God's Kingdom

# Gathering as the People of God

Welcome. Prelude We are glad you have chosen to Words of Welcome gather and worship! Go to

to join us for a live broadcast starting Introit at 11:00 am.

**Voluntary** 

John Zundel

**Opening Prayer** 

www.provpres.org | Tolling of the Bell - Rung three times to symbolize our Triune God

O God, You Are My God

David Strasser, 1991

#### Call to Worship

How shall we serve our God who has blessed us in so many ways?

We serve him best by serving those of his children who stand in dire need.

Let us praise the Lord with our lips and our lives, walking in the way of holiness and love. Thank you, God, for giving us the greatest gift, the chance to serve you and your children.

Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

text by I. Neander, 1680 17<sup>th</sup> century German tune

### Prayer of Confession

For whoever is not against us is for us. Who is for us? Jesus' answer: anyone who extends a helping hand, who shelters the homeless, who cares for the earth, who feeds the hungry, stands for justice, gives a cup of water in my name is all for us, and belongs to me. Forgive us if our actions, or lack of action, have contributed to whether people feel welcomed into, or excluded from, our fellowship. Jesus, all we want is to belong to you

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.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance**

## We Hear God's Word

First Reading Psalm 124

**Anthem** Benediction John Behnke

**Sacrament of Baptism** 

Kelly Bloomberg

**Opening Sentences** 

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Questions for Baptism

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.

Prayer over the Water

**Baptism** 

Welcome

#### **Introduction of New Member**

Presentation of New Member

**Opening Words** 

Questions to the New Member

Questions to the Congregation

Will you welcome Kelly, who stands before you with open arms and joyful hearts? Will you invite Kelly 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?

Welcome

Prayer

#### **Time with Young Disciples**

**Second Reading** Mark 9:38—50

**Sermon** Not Everyone Who Serves the Lord Belongs to Our Denomination (Pastor Melinda Stroyeck)

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

# 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 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

text by Fred Kaan, 1974 music by Doreen Potter, 1974

**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 in C John S. Dixon

Have a blessed week!

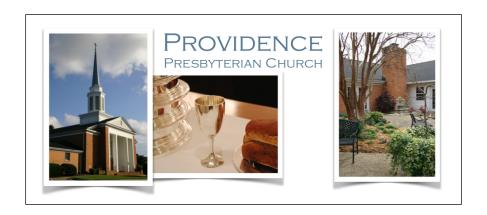
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