

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



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

Words of Welcome

Prelude

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
(Merry Bells)

Huron Carol
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship and lighting of the Advent Candle

Carol and Pierre Desbuillerbs

Arise, shine, for your light has come

The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people.

But the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will appear over you.

We light these candles as a reminder of the light that has come into the world in Christ Jesus. May the light declare the glory of the Lord that has already come and lift the hope of the glory that is to come when Christ returns.

Sung Response (Choir and Congregation)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You text by Paul Gerhardt, 1653
music by Melchior Teschner, 1614

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

Affirmation of Faith

The Lord Jesus in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator and surety. Which office He took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by His Father; who put all power and judgment into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same. (WCF 8.3)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and 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

Eternal and everlasting Father, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we don't always listen. We walk away from those in need and often turn to our own self-interests. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus. arr. Donald McCullough

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

John 14:5-14

Sermon

Everlasting Father

Responding as People of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's

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.

Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Carol

Walford Davies
arr. Dixon

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 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

text by Mikael Franzen, 1812
old German hymn tune

Benediction

Benediction Response

***O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Postlude

The Boar's Head Carol

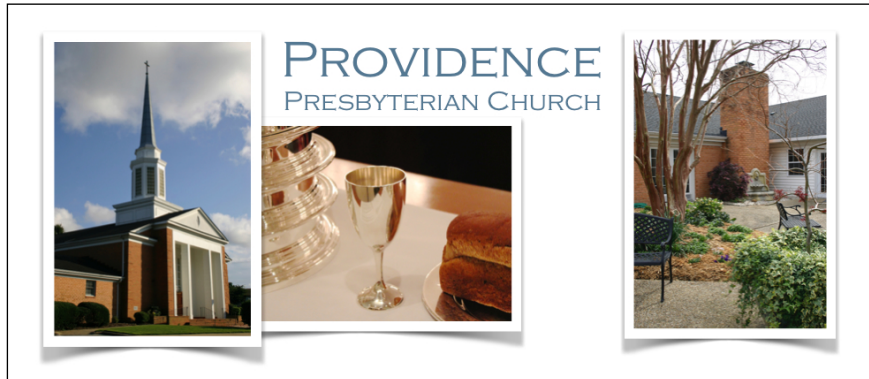
arr. John S. Dixon

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