

December 22, 2024

Fourth 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  
[www.provpres.org](http://www.provpres.org)  
to join us for a live  
broadcast starting  
at 11:00 am.

**Words of Welcome**

**Prelude**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

German Chorale

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jonathan and Sarah Hyslop

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.

**You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout.**

Lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

**See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.**

We light these candles as signs of God's hope and peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify the Lord.

**Sung Response**

(Choir and Congregation)

*Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

**Hymn 143**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

text by James Montgomery, 1816  
music by Melchior Teschner, 1614

**Affirmation of Faith**

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

**This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake, which, that He might discharge, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified and died; was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered; with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of His Father, making intercession; and shall return to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.(WCF 8.4)**

**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.*

**Prayer of Confession**

*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.*

**Holy and merciful Prince of Peace, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for all we have done and left undone. Help us to walk in your light and in your ways in Jesus name.**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*We Hear God's Word*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

**Anthem**

*The Angel Gabriel*

Basque Carol  
arr. John S. Dixon

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Second Reading**

John 14:27

**Sermon**

Prince of Peace

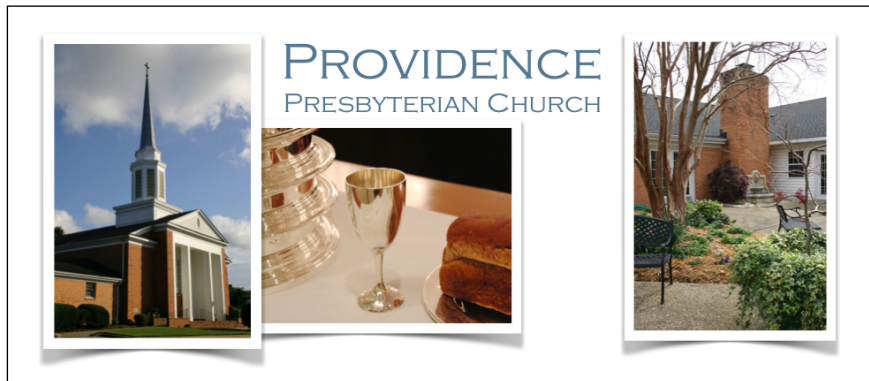


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