

December 29, 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
to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Words of Welcome

Prelude

The Huron Carol

Canadian Carol

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens, Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded, and they were created!.

Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

text by C.F. Alexander, 1848
music by H.J. Gauntlett, 1849

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Samuel 2:18-20, 26

**Anthem
Bell**

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

John

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Aubrey Allison Holland

Opening Sentences

Presentation

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 & prayer

Time with Young Disciples

Second Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

In My Father's House

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

Greensleeves

English Carol

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 139

That Boy-Child of Mary

text by Tom Colvin, 1967
Malawi melody

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

Voluntary on an Old English Carol

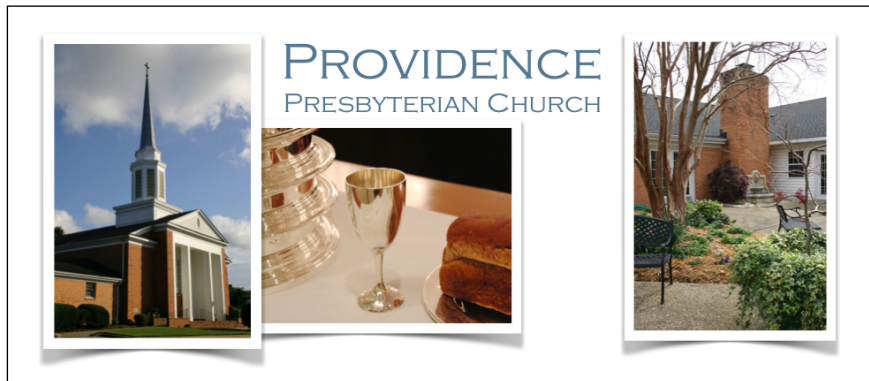
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