

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MARCH 17, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Hebrews 4*

Minister: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**All:** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God* | No. 119

FOREST GREEN

*Stanzas 1-3*

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care.  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from 1 Peter 1*

Minister: Christian, how does the desire of angels to understand our salvation highlight the exceptional nature of the grace bestowed upon us?

**All:** Concerning salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them, was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah, and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but [us], when they spoke of the things that have now been told, by those who have preached the gospel to [us], by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *God of Grace*

*Getty, Rea*

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:  
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began,  
Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All:** Heavenly Father, we often express our eagerness to obey You, yet we confess that we are very weak and fickle. We find ourselves easily swayed by distractions, opting to follow the desires of our own hearts, rather than Your will. In our day-to-day lives, we tend to prioritize our own comfort, over the call to bear our cross and follow You. For this, we ask for Your forgiveness. We are deeply grateful, Lord Jesus, for Your supreme sacrifice—not holding onto Your privileges, but forsaking the comforts and glory of heaven for our sake. We pray for hearts expanded by love and gratitude towards You, hearts so filled, that following You becomes not just our duty, but our deepest joy and greatest desire. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## NEW MEMBER VOWS

*Eric and Jackie Garcia*

*Winn McCoy*

*Seth Nymeyer*

*Amy and Scott Sonju, Austin Sonju*

*Dominique and Marco Vasquez*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Winn McCoy*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Children's Time*

*After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.*

## SCRIPTURE READING\*

***John 13.1-17***

<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet."

## SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

SERMON

**The Servant King**

*Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

*Getty, Papa*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ our hope in life and death.*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*Refrain*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S TABLE

*All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.*

*A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

*Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.*

***The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.***

*During the bread*

***Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)***

*Kauflin, Merker*

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.  
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.  
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace,  
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!  
Oh how deep is His love.  
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?  
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.  
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams,  
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

*Chorus*

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?  
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.  
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed,  
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.  
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

*Chorus*

*During the cup  
Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!***

HYFRYDOL

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

**CLOSING HYMN\* (CONT.)**

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.  
He has granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

*Chorus*

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

*Chorus*

**BENEDICTION\***

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this  
time forth and forevermore.