

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Minister: Praise be to you, O Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, are greatness, power, glory, majesty, and splendor, for everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.

All: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you reign in wisdom and might. Wealth and honor come from you, and you rule all things. In your hands are strength and power to strengthen and sustain. Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Ephesians 1.20-23

Minister: Christian, how has God assured you that His church will continue to thrive and grow?

All: God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

SONG OF PRAISE

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Kauflin, Merker, Getty and Townend

Out of the depths I cry to You,
In darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on your Word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone.
Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
By Christ's emerging from the grave. *Chorus*

Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today,
Find healing in His sacrifice.

Final chorus:
*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
for Your love is my delight.*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from the Valley of Vision, Puritan Prayers

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

All: O Lord, no day of my life has passed without proving me guilty in Your sight. My prayers have often been spoken from a heart that is distracted and cold, my praise has been empty, and even my best efforts are stained with sin. Yet in Your mercy, You have given me a refuge in Christ. Though my guilt would drag me down, His grace lifts me up. Everything in me deserves rejection, but everything in Him secures my acceptance. So I come, not pleading my own merits, but resting in Your boundless grace. Assure me that in Christ my sins—many and grievous—are fully forgiven. Flood my soul with Your mercy and lead me ever deeper into Your grace. 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.

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*

Matthew 13.44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

SERMON

The Treasure and the Pearl

Dr. John Currid

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Cooke

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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

Rock of Ages | No. 500

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Stanzas 1-4

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord | No. 292

ENGELBERG

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.