

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 63.1-4*

Minister: You, God, are my God, and earnestly I seek you. I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from Jeremiah 29.4-7, 10-13*

Minister: This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

**All: Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."**

Minister: This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.

**All: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

*(Please see insert.)*

INDELIBLE GRACE

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine oceans depths its flow  
May richer fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All: Heavenly Father, we confess that when we face trials of various kinds, we often struggle with doubt. We doubt your love, we doubt your faithfulness, and we even doubt your existence. Forgive us, we pray! We thank you for Jesus, who lived perfectly on our behalf. Help us to trust in Him regardless of our circumstances and to remember that His saving, wondrous love will never let us go. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 32:5*

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Children's Time (10:30 service only)*

*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\*

**Malachi 3.13-4.6**

*(Please see insert.)*

## SERMON

**The Last Word**

*Rev. David Rea*

## 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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN\*

*In Christ Alone*

GETTY AND TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all — here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid — here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death — this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home — here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION\*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

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T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	

### Malachi 3.13-4.6

3 <sup>13</sup> “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup> And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

4 <sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”