

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

DECEMBER 27, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 22:22b, 97:12, 145:1, 3*

Minister: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**All: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Joy to the World* | No. 195  
*Stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12*

Minister: Christian, what are the benefits of being adopted into the family of God?

**All: All those who are justified are taken into the number of God's children and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship; they are given his name; they receive the Spirit of adoption; they have access to the throne of grace with boldness; and they are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father." Like a father, God has compassion on, protects, provides for, and chastens them; yet, they will never be cast off, but are sealed to the day of redemption, and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

***Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*** | No. 230  
*Stanzas 1-3*

QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'n-ward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge before You that we have deeply and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, and other sinful affections. But we repent of these things, knowing that you are a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. Forgive us for the sake of your beloved Son, the Lord Jesus. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 8:1-2*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

## 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\*

***Luke 2.21-40***

*(Please see insert.)*

## SERMON

***Anticipating Redemption***

*Rev. Chris Bennett*

## 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\*

#### *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Chorus:*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. *Chorus*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Chorus*

### 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.

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