

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MARCH 7, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 19*

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

**All: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

Minister: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**All: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

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, unhasting, 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 Psalm 23*

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Minister: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## 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

*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, you are righteous and holy, but we are not. We are not poor in spirit. Rather, we are proud and self-reliant. We do not properly mourn over our sin: we hide and excuse it, while judging others for their sin. We are not meek but often eager to defend our own rights and reputations, while caring too little for your good name and the name of others. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you and praise you for Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who lived and died that we would know the blessings of true forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

#### COMMUNICANT VOWS (9 a.m. service)

*Eleanor Ann Breed*

### 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\*

**Matthew 16.13-27**

*(Please see insert.)*

### SERMON

**Turning Point**

*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\*

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** | No. 521  
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*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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### Ruling Elders

Graham Averitt	Jeff Crow	Tom McCabe
Wes Boyd	John Heath	
Michael Breed	Joshua Kipp	

### Deacons

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
Teddy Chu	Casey Plummer	
T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	

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### **Matthew 16.13-27**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.