

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 12.1-2

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

All: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | No. 296

CORONATION

Stanzas 1, 3, and 6

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Minister: To whom does Jesus offer peace and rest?

All: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

SONG OF PRAISE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we come to you today as people who often prefer to govern our own lives rather than submit to your rule and shepherding. Rather than worshiping you in humility, we frequently treat you as a servant who exists to meet all of our felt needs. Instead of trusting your provision for us, we run toward the false and dangerous hopes of our sinful desires and idolatries. Forgive us, we pray! Cause us to know and feel your great love for us in Christ Jesus so that we are transformed more and more into a people who trust in you regardless of the circumstance. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

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 6.1-25

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Power of the Cross

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O to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
 This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.
 This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
 This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
 What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord | No. 353

ST. THOMAS

Stanzas 1, 5, and 6

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe,
shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

BENEDICTION*

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

John 6.25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”