

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JANUARY 21, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 145*

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King. I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise. His greatness no one can fathom.

**All: One generation tells your works to another. They tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty – and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King | No. 11*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Jeremiah 31 and 32*

Minister: How does the New Covenant shape our reverence for God and impact our daily lives?

**All:** In Christ, the Lord has fulfilled His New Covenant, as declared in Jeremiah: “I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Further, He promised, “I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, not turning away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, so they will not turn from me.” This is the covenant realized and embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SONG OF PRAISE

##### *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

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How can it be, the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their friend and king:  
Christ, Christ, He is risen!

*Refrain:*

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

*Oh, sing “Hallelujah!”*

*Join the chorus and all the redeemed:*

*“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!”*

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing “Hallelujah!”

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting!

*Refrain*

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to pow'r'ly save;  
He frees our hearts to live His grace -  
Go, tell of His goodness.

*Refrain*

### **PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, our inclination toward sin astounds us, regardless of our maturity in faith. All too often, our affections stray from You, with sinful desires and motivations. Though saved from sin's eternal consequences, we often live as slaves to selfishness, erring in both action and inaction. Forgive us, we pray. Jesus, we thank you that every sin, from past to future, is paid for, and Your holiness is credited to us. May this forgiveness motivate us to reject sin and embrace obedience. Give us strength and courage to fight our sinful nature every day, with gratitude and joy. 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\***

#### **Mark 2.13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.

<sup>14</sup> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. <sup>20</sup> But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

<sup>21</sup> No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. <sup>22</sup> And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins." (NIV)

SERMON

**The Doctor's Call: Levi and the Kingdom's New Wine**

*Rev. David Rea*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

***Speak, O Lord***

*Getty, Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## 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*

***Jesus, Strong and Kind***

*CityAlight*

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful;  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus - Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.

*Chorus*

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

*Chorus*

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | No. 164**

AZMON

*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

**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.