

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from 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\*

***Rejoice, the Lord is King*** | No. 310  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,  
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from Psalm 103.8-12*

Minister: Christian, how comprehensive is God's forgiveness for those who trust in Him?

**All:** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever, he does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him, as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

*Getty, Townend*

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe:  
All things created by His hand, and held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His,  
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways, that mark the path of righteousness,  
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And oh, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace,  
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

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

**All:** Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 1.7, Romans 4.7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

### 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\*

#### ***Luke 5.17-26***

<sup>17</sup> On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup> And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup> And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>24</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to the man who was paralyzed -- "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." <sup>25</sup> And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

### SERMON

#### **Unchained: Embracing Christ's Forgiveness**

*Rev. Chris Bennett*

### HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

#### ***Christ Is Mine Forevermore***

*CityAlight*

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing. I am His forevermore.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted. Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,  
For there my heart has found its treasure. Christ is mine forevermore.

## 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*

### ***Ancient of Days***

CityAlight

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
There is still one King reigning over all,  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Chorus: None above Him, none before Him, All of time in His hands,  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name,  
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

*During the bread (cont.)*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
He is here with me, I am not alone.  
O His love is sure and He knows my name,  
For my God is the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King,  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

*During the cup*  
*Instrumental*

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### CLOSING HYMN\*

***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** | No. 295  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me,  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

#### 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.