

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 3, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 63.1-3

Minister: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will give you praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

O Worship the King | No. 2

LYONS

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail,
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1.15-20

Minister: What did Jesus accomplish in terms of Creation and Redemption?

All: We believe he is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities. All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him, to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth, or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

Only a Holy God

CityAlight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:
Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus

SONG OF PRAISE

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus

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, we come before you as sheep who often wander far from you. You have set your love upon us, chosen us, and saved us, but we find it hard to trust you, and prefer to turn to our own wisdom and understanding. You lead us in green pastures for your own name's sake, but we reject your provision, and insist on filling ourselves with things that cannot satisfy. Father, forgive us for straying from you, and turning to our own sinful ways. Holy Spirit, help us to see the safety, protection, and blessing that comes with abiding in the fold of our Great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32.5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Beau Christopher Bennett

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*

2 Kings 4.42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So, he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴ So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

SERMON

There is a Famine in the Land

Dr. John Currid

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

During the bread (cont.)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Chorus*

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Be Thou My Vision | No. 642

SLANE

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.