

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 12:2-6

Minister: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.2

Minister: Christian, who is the source of all life, glory, and goodness?

All: God, possessing all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of Himself, is entirely self-sufficient. He needs nothing from His creation, deriving no glory from it, but rather manifesting His own glory in, by, to, and upon it. The source of all being, He has absolute sovereignty over all things, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatever He pleases. His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent of His creatures. He is most holy in all His counsels, works, and commands. To Him is due from all creation whatever worship, service, or obedience He requires.

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace

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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

from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

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

All: Father of mercy, although You have adopted us into Your family and forgiven our sins, we confess that we continue to rebel against You in thought, word, and deed. We struggle with pride, seeking to exalt ourselves and craving the praise and admiration of others. Like the unmerciful servant, we are thankful for Your kindness toward us, yet we often fail to extend that same mercy and kindness to others. Forgive us, we pray, for the many ways we engage in self-worship. Teach us to walk in humble dependence upon You, and may Jesus Christ be exalted in our minds and hearts. In His name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

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*

Zechariah 3.1-10

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him."

And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.

⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

¹⁰ In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

The King in All His Beauty

Papa, Boswell

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.
 Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.
 As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.
 Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy,
 How worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown,
 One made of shame and splinters.
 The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
 As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.
 He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty. *Refrain*

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
 The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.
 Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.
 For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty. *Refrain*

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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie.
In pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.
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During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

O Church, Arise

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O church, arise, and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor,
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

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.