

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Matthew 11.28-30

Minister: 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.

All: 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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Stanzas 1-3

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care.
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Romans 8

Minister: What is our hope as we endure the trials of the Christian life?

All: We believe our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. We groan inwardly as we wait for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. In this hope we were saved. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us. God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Kauflin, Merker

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace,
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!
Oh how deep is His love.
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams,
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

Chorus

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed,
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we often journey through life with heavy hearts and anxious minds. We frequently become sinfully preoccupied with our health, family, finances, and work, living as though you do not exist. Father, forgive us for our fearful and fretful hearts. Thank you for our precious Savior, Jesus, who endured the storms of life and bore the consequences of our sinful rebellion and lack of trust. When trials and temptations come, help us to look to Christ and find our peace in Him. 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*

Zechariah 9.5-12

⁵ Ashkelon shall see it, and be afraid; Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish; Ekron also, because its hopes are confounded. The king shall perish from Gaza; Ashkelon shall be uninhabited; ⁶ a mixed people shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of Philistia. ⁷ I will take away its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth; it too shall be a remnant for our God; it shall be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites. ⁸ Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Power of the Cross

Getty, Townend

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*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | **No. 164**
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

AZMON

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*

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