

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JANUARY 5, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 67*

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

**All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Authority and Power | No. 453*

NEANDER

*Stanzas 1, 2, 4*

All authority and power, ev'ry status and domain,  
Now belongs to him who suffered our redemption to obtain,  
Angels, demons, kings and rulers, over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship, ev'ry tongue shall call him Lord,  
How are men to call upon him if his name they have not heard?  
Therefore go and make disciples, preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days,  
With his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways.  
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from James 1*

Minister: Christian, what does James tell us about temptation and the sinful desires that arise within us?

**All:** When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

## 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

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for loving us, even when we were still your enemies. You humbled yourself to save us from our sin and from the judgment we deserve. Your love, mercy, and kindness are beyond measure. Yet, we confess that we are quick to question your ways, O Lord. We frequently doubt your goodness and wisdom, even daring to judge your actions and pronounce them unjust. We often foolishly imagine ourselves to be wiser and more compassionate than you. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us quick repentance when pride leads us to sin, that we may reflect glory back to you as trophies of your grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

### 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\*

#### ***Matthew 2.13-23***

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

## 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*

***I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

Cooke

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another,  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness, my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness,  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

*During the cup*  
*Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord | No. 292***

ENGELBERG

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
To search the mystery in heaven stored,  
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,  
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,  
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured  
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

**BENEDICTION\***

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