

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

DECEMBER 21, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 49.1-3

Minister: Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Him from the womb, from the body of my mother He named His name.

All: He made His mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid Him; He made Him a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid Him away. And He said to Him, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

O Come, All Ye Faithful | No. 208

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels,

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten, not created, *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, in the highest, *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing, *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Numbers 24.15-17

Minister: Christian, hear the prophecy of Balaam, son of Beor.

All: The prophecy of one whose eyes are opened, who hears the words of God and has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty. He declares, “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. A ruler will come from Jacob, and his kingdom will prevail.”

SONG OF PRAISE

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

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From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith,
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well,
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross,
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell,
And with a shout our souls set free—
Death defeated by Immanuel!

SONG OF PRAISE (CONT.)

Now He's standing in the place of honor,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell,
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Man of Nothing"

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

All: Heavenly Father, when You would guide us, we insist on directing ourselves. When You would rule as our King, we seek to govern our own lives. When You would care for us, we try to satisfy ourselves. And when You call us to wait upon Your provision, we strive to supply our own. Convince us that we cannot be our own god, that we cannot secure our own fulfillment, and that we cannot be our own Christ to restore our joy. As we wait for the coming of our Savior, teach us to trust in Your promises, to rest in Your care, and to hope in the light that has come into the world. Father, hear our prayer and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our coming King and Redeemer. In His matchless 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.

OFFERINGS

Online giving is available at any time at providencedallas.givingfire.com or using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also place offerings in the white boxes on the lobby tables.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Isaiah 11.1-10

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD-- ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den, the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. (NIV)

SERMON

All Things Made Right

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

The First Noel

FIRST NOEL

Stanzas 1, 2 and 6

The First Noel, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!*

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood mankind has bought. *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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | No. 193

PICARDY

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

At his feet the six winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing | No. 203

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Refrain

BENEDICTION*

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