

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 12th, 2021—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Away In A Manger (#205)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Isaiah 25:1,8-9

LEADER: O LORD, you are my God;

PEOPLE: **I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

LEADER: He will swallow up death forever;

PEOPLE: **and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.**

LEADER: It will be said on that day,

PEOPLE: **“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful, #208*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: ***We believe* in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

***We believe* in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:5-6

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

*“... though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:67-79

REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION*As With Gladness Men of Old, #226*

SERMON

Isaiah 9:6-7

Rev. David Hina

“A Hope That Will Not Fail”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, #211*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

*Closing Hymn.....*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, #196, v.4*

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to they glorious throne.**

POSTLUDE

Joy To the World

Providence DECEMBER Birthdays

2 Jackie Mueller

10 Claire Sullivan

11 Dale Grubb

19 Caroline Randall

21 Piper Burton

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day* keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

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