

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023—11:00 a.m.**

Song of Ascent

*O Church Arise (Getty)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (#597)*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 47:6-48:1

LEADER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to our God, sing praises!**

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

PEOPLE: **God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

LEADER: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

PEOPLE: **For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

ALL: **Great is the LORD  
and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, #92*

\*INVOCATION

## GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism #191

62. *What do we pray for in the second petition?*

**A. The visible church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, and of their children.**

63. *What are the special privileges of the visible church?*

**A. The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members**

**of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Joshua 1:9

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 16:33

*“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 2

OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone (Getty)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *Be Thou My Vision, #642*

SERMON

Matthew 13:53-14:12  
**“The Clash of Two Kingdoms”**

Rev. David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... *O Church Arise*

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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 every side,  
We know the outcome is secure.  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:  
An inheritance of nations**

3. **Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

4. **So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;  
Give grace for every 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.**

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## **GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

*“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.  
Amen.”*

\*Closing Hymn..... *Benediction, #730*

POSTLUDE

*I Got My Feet Shod (James Ward)*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

# Be Thou My Vision

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Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.  
 Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.  
 Traditional Irish melody  
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

## Benediction

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14*

*Unison*

1. May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's bound - less love,  
2. Thus may we a - bide in u - nion with each oth - er and the Lord,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor, rest up - on us from a - bove.  
and pos - sess, in sweet com - mu - nion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.

John Newton, 1779

EVENING PRAYER (STAINER) 8.7.8.7.  
John Stainer, 1898

**Providence JANUARY Birthdays**

12 Isaac Wood

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