

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 17th, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Oh Children Come (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor (#230)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 45:10-13

LEADER: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

PEOPLE: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

LEADER: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #203*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Isaiah 9:6-7

LEADER: *People of God, what do you believe?*

**ALL: For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

**Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

2 Timothy 2:19

“But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are his,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.’ ”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 11:13-16

“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25:23-28

OFFERTORY

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (#221)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Good Christian Men, Rejoice, #207*

SERMON

1 Peter 2:11-12

Rev. David Hina

“How Do We Live IN the World?”

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

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Jude 24

*Closing Hymn..... *Go Tell It on the Mountain, #225 (Verse 2)*

POSTLUDE

Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem

Providence DECEMBER Birthdays

2 Jackie Mueller
2 Jolie Patterson
10 Claire Sullivan
11 Dale Grubb

13 Jim Zentko
17 Jamesly Patterson
19 Caroline Randall
29 Vicky Zentko