

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - January 7th, 2024—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

There is a Higher Throne (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (#192)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 95:1-3,6-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

LEADER: For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

ALL: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,**

and the sheep of his hand.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul, #57*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 23.1,4

23.1. God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, has ordained civil authorities to be, under him, over the people for his own glory and the public good. For this purpose he has armed them with the power of the sword for the defense and encouragement of those who are good, and for the punishment of those who do evil.

23.4. It is the duty of people to pray for those in authority, to honor them, to pay them taxes or other revenue, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority for the sake of conscience. Neither unbelief nor difference in religion makes void the just and legal authority of officeholders nor frees the people—church authorities included—from their due obedience to them....

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Titus 3:1-2

“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:22-23

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:1-14

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Trust and Obey, #672*

SERMON

1 Peter 2:13-17

Rev. David Hina

“Submission to Civil Authority”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *There is a Higher Throne*

**1. There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we’ll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—
Salvation comes.**

REFRAIN

**2. And there we’ll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We’ll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We’ll reign with Him.**

REFRAIN

***Hear heaven’s voices sing;
Their thund’rous anthem rings
Through em’rald courts
and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow’r,
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore.***

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GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus Paid it All (#308)

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

*Closing Hymn *Doxology, #732*

POSTLUDE

There Is Power in the Blood

Providence JANUARY Birthdays

18 Will Meiners

27 Nancy Hagedorn