

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - April 21st, 2024—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#457)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

He Will Hold Me Fast (Getty)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 25:4-7,10

LEADER: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

PEOPLE: **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

LEADER: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

PEOPLE: **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

ALL: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Praise and Glorify*

**1. Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally**

CHORUS

***To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves***

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**2. Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill**

CHORUS

**3. Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One**

CHORUS x 2

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 17.1,3

17.1. Those whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere in it to the end and be eternally saved.

17.3. Nevertheless, they may—through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the pervasiveness of the corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means by which they are to be preserved—fall into grievous sins and for a time continue in them. In so doing they incur God's displeasure and grieve his Holy Spirit; some measure of God's graces and comforts is taken from them; they have their hearts hardened and their consciences wounded; they harm others and give them occasion to sin, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Hosea 14:1

“Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 32:40

“I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:4-15

OFFERTORY

Before You I Kneel (Getty)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Children of the Heavenly Father, #131*

SERMON

Psalm 73
“Backsliding”

David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #457*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

*Closing Hymn..... *Children of the Heavenly Father, #131, v. 1*

POSTLUDE

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand