

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 10th, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Jesus Joy of the Highest Heaven (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

How Suddenly a Baby Cries (Getty)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 100

LEADER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

PEOPLE: **Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, #194*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A. **That I am not my own,**

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 32:1, 5

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ... I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 10:14-15

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

OFFERTORY

Ding Dong Merrily on High

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night, #215*

SERMON

1 Peter 5:1-4

Rev. David Hina

“Shepherding God's Church”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Once in Royal David's City, #255*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

*Jim Escuder
Garth Randall*

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

*Closing Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain, #225 (Verse 1)*

POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#194)