

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 27th, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 72

LEADER: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

PEOPLE: **For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

LEADER: May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

PEOPLE: **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, #164*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

ALL: ***We believe* in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

***We believe* in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he**

rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:5-6

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 1:9-13

“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

*SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #193*

SERMON

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Rev. David Hina

“A Light Shining in the Darkness”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Joy Has Dawned*

**1. Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God’s salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev’ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.**

**2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother’s breast,
Vuln’rable and helpless.**

3. **Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story.
Gold—a King is born today,
Incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.**

4. **Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry."**

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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..... *Joy to the World, #195, v.4*

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

POSTLUDE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
(Words by George Matheson; music by Christopher Miner)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

D G D G Em

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears,
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin,

D G D⁷ G D G

my great Re-deem-er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 as - sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 he sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the

6 C G/D D⁷ G

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Providence JANUARY Birthdays

18 Wil Meiners

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