

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 3rd, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

As With Gladness Men of Old (#226)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#193)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 121

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

PEOPLE: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

LEADER: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

PEOPLE: **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

LEADER: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

PEOPLE: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

LEADER: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

ALL: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come People of the Risen King*

1. **Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.**

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2. **Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.**

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***Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

3. **Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all.”**

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GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 7:37-38

"On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."'"

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118

OFFERTORY

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, #196*

SERMON

1 Peter 2:4-10

Rev. David Hina

"Membership in God's Church"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates, #198*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (#264)

*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

"Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

*Closing Hymn..... *Doxology, #731*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Come People of The Risen King

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