

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 6th, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Ode to Joy,”

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 59:1-3,16b

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**PEOPLE: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

LEADER: but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**PEOPLE: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising...**

**ALL: and you shall know that I, the Lord,
am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.**

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

*INVOCATION – Followed by the Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily Bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 190

Q. *What do we pray for in the first petition [of the Lord's Prayer]?*

A. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be thy name*), acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honor God aright, we pray, that God would by his grace enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem him, his titles, attributes, ordinances, word, works, and whatsoever he is pleased to make himself known by; and to glorify him in thought, word, and deed: that he would prevent and remove atheism, ignorance, idolatry, profaneness, and whatsoever is dishonorable to him; and, by his overruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to his own glory.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Galatians 1:10

"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15-16

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 51:4-16

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #193

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SERMON

Matthew 10:24-33

Rev. David Hina

"The Remedy for the Fear of Man"

*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'erable 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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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*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..... *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, #196, v.1*

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

POSTLUDE

Dawning Light
Words & music by James Ward

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins."
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
• and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

Providence DECEMBER Birthdays

2 Jackie Mueller

10 Claire Sullivan

11 Dale Grubb

19 Caroline Randall

21 Piper Burton