

# Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church!

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# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017—11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**PEOPLE: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be  
condemned.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #624  
*Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*

\*INVOCATION

# GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN *Romans Doxology, verse 3*

Oh the depths of the riches, the wisdom of God  
How immeasurable is His grace!  
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath,  
And His mercies are new each day!

For from Him and through Him,  
And to Him are all things!  
To Him be glory forevermore!  
To Him be glory forever!  
Amen! Amen! Amen!

POSTLUDE

## SERMON NOTES

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

**CHORUS:**

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

**FINAL CHORUS:**

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

**GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Luke 12:19-20

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin. We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts, clinging to the values of a broken world. We pursue pleasures, and occupations and profit that we should not, and harbor jealousy against our neighbors. We abuse your good gifts of freedom, intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he

gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

\*NT Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:8-16

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #481

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

SERMON

"Applying the Test"

Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

Rev. David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*The Power of the Cross*

**Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.**

**CHORUS:**

**This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**