

PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday after Christmas Day
January 3, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 147 and John 1)

Leader: Let us praise the Lord, O people!

People: For God strengthens the weak and blesses the children.

Leader: God grants peace and gives abundance for all.

People: God has created all things through the Word;

Leader: God sustains the goodness of creation.

All: Let us praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE #41 O Come All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

[Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!]

2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, you create and sustain all things by your Word. Your love is manifest throughout your good creation. Indeed, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, so that we might see, hear and know you in ways never before possible. But we do not always trust in that revelation and in your sustaining power. We sometimes doubt that your abundant love will overcome hatred in our world. Forgive our disbelief. Have mercy upon us for our failure to abide in Christ and to walk in his light. Amen.

Silence is kept.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and from that fullness we have all received grace upon grace. And to all who receive this good news, who believe in

Jesus' name, God grants power to become children of God — power to participate in God's own life. Bear that family resemblance into the life of the world, for we are forgiven and restored to walk in the light, set on right paths of justice and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN John 1:14 (The Living Bible)

And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:10-18 NRSV

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") **16** From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (from *Book of Common Worship*)

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your Church in every place that we may worship and serve you faithfully, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For leaders and people in every land, that they may know your way and do your will, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For justice throughout the world, that there may be plenty for all, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth you have made, that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill or close to death, that they may know your loving care, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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SONG OF PREPARATION #319 Spirit

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,

Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,

Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valley of sleep,

And over the eons You called to each thing,

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Spirit, spirit of gentleness.

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,

Wind, wind on the sea.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer

SONG OF RESPONSE #31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

[Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"]

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!

Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may

die.

Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Go from here as a witness to the light. Walk in that light, as God's own children. Lift up the brokenhearted, stand with the oppressed, and let all that you do – all of it – be out of love. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!

Liturgy not otherwise attributed is by Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook