

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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THE SESSION 2021

Ginny (Adamson) Taylor (Worship) T1	2021-2023
Tom Ballou (Outreach) T1	2020-2021
Allison Christian (Fellowship) T1	2019-2021
Johanna Davis (Youth & Young Adult) T2	2020-2022
Davis Gammon (Stewardship) T1	2021-2023
Jamie Gray (Good Sam) T1	2019-2021
Ruth Hopke (Policy & Personnel) T2	2020-2022
Ayars Lore (Buildings & Grounds, PTP) T1	2019-2021
Leigh Quick (Clerk of Session) T2	2021-2023
Nathan Richards (Planning & Finance) T1	2020-2022
Patricia Robinson (Christian Ed.) T1	2021-2023
Jim Wallace (Nominating) T1	2020-2022

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Providence Forge
Presbyterian Church

To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
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First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Ayars Lore

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Melody Raef

**ADVENT READING AND
LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE** Ayars and Barbara Lore

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lay Reader: As we light our first Advent candle.

All: We pray for the holy hope of God.

Lay Reader: Come now, O Child of Mary.

All: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

COLLECTION FOR 5¢ A MEAL

***SONG OF PRAISE** #1 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to uncomfortable truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to comfort. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray.
(Time of silence)

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

FIRST READING Psalm 96: 1-10; Pew Bible p. 479

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Pew Bible p. 960

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING Luke 21: 1-7, 25-32; Pew Bible p. 856-857

SERMON Davis Gammon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are a Pilgrim People. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #559 We Gather Together

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

***BENEDICTION**

SONG OF SENDING #554 Let All Things Now Living

POSTLUDE Melody Raef



***All who are able are invited to stand**
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