

**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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Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Barbara Lore

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Melody Raef

**ADVENT READING AND
LIGHTING OF JOY CANDLE** Pete and Margaret Adamson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we light our third Advent Candle,

All: We pray for hope, peace, and joy.

Leader: Come now, Child of Mary.

All: Come now, O Prince of Joy.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Luke 3:12 ICB

Even tax collectors came to John to be baptized. They said to John,
"Teacher, what should we do?"

COLLECTION FOR 5¢ A MEAL

***SONG OF PRAISE** #8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care. We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely, those on the margins and those who are oppressed. We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors. We have not prepared a way for the Lord, through either our words or our deeds, neither through our actions nor our thoughts. Grant us your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act with compassion and justice, guided by your glorious light.
(Time of silence)

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-20, Pew Bible p 767

ANTHEM I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:7-18, Pew Bible p 834

SERMON Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

God expressed love for all human kind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #322 Spirit of the Living God

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Melody Raef

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**All who are able are invited to stand*

