

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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### CHURCH STAFF

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Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

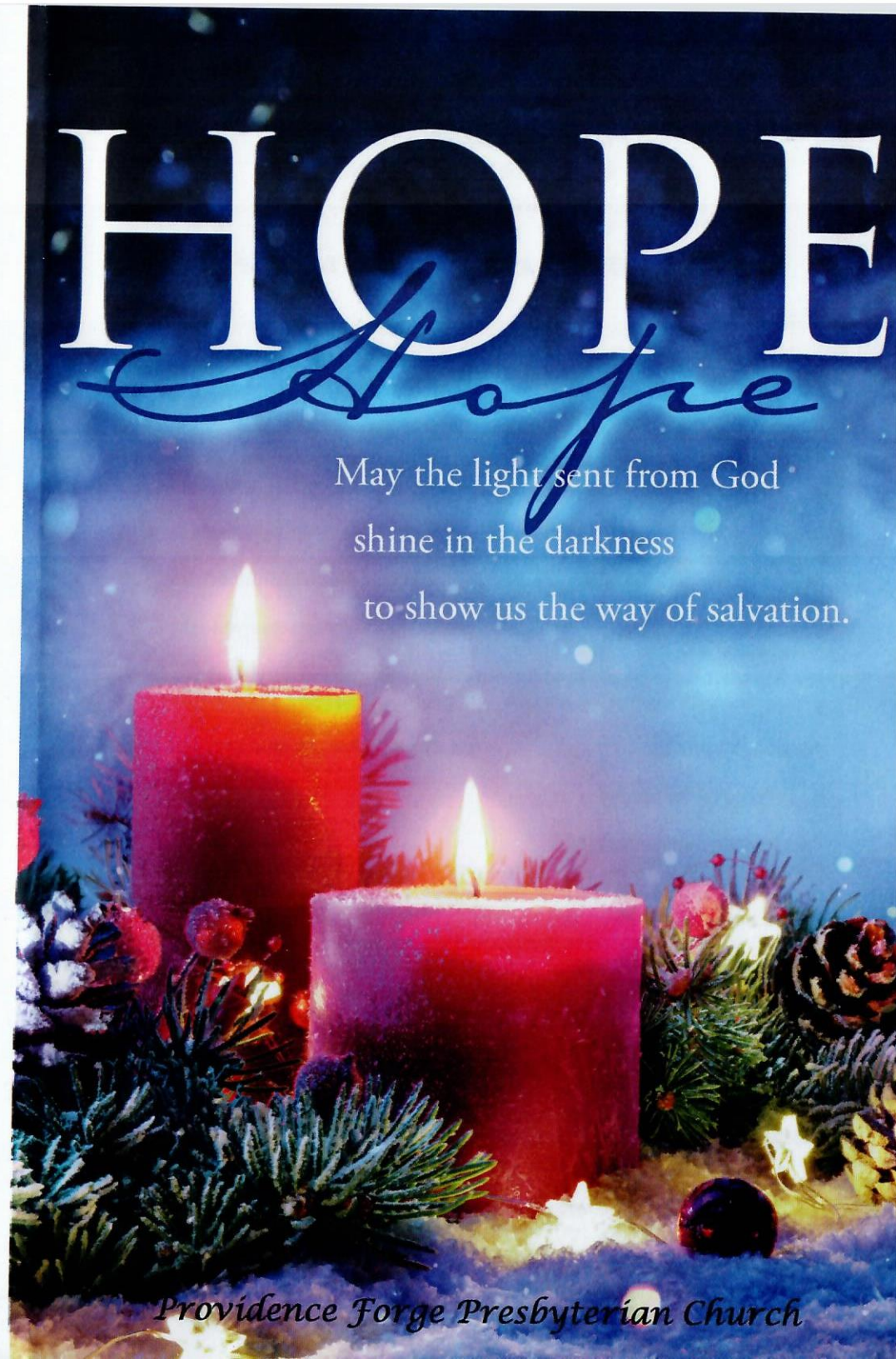
### THE SESSION 2022

Johanna Davis (Youth & Young Adult) T2	2020-2022
Davis Gammon (Stewardship) T1	2021-2023
Jamie Gray (Good Samaritan) T2	2022-2024
Ruth Hopke (Policy & Personnel) T2	2020-2022
Ayars Lore (Buildings & Grounds, PTP) T2	2022-2024
Leigh Quick (Worship) T2	2021-2023
Nathan Richards (Planning & Finance) T1	2020-2022
Patricia Robinson (Christian Ed.) T1	2021-2023
Ginny Taylor (Outreach) T1	2021-2023
Jim Wallace (Clerk of Session) T1	2020-2022
Jo White (Fellowship) T1	2022-2024

# HOPE

*Hope*

May the light sent from God  
shine in the darkness  
to show us the way of salvation.



*Providence Forge Presbyterian Church*

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
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First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022

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

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Johanna Davis

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Melody Raef

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE Thomas & Jordan Wingenbach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Unslumbering God, at an unexpected hour, you sent an unlikely liberator to an undeserving world.

**All: Keep us faithful in unguarded moments and alert in uncertain times,**

Leader: Help us seek your unmeasured mercy that we may serve you with undivided hearts.

**All: Support us in living together in unbroken community that we may greet you with unending praise.**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*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*

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you ... And also with you.

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY**

While we "Pass the Peace," please consider filling out a "Welcome to Our Church Family" card. Please drop your card in the offering plate.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Johanna Davis

COLLECTION FOR 5¢ A MEAL

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 2:1-5; Pew Bible p 550*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 24: 36-44; Pew Bible p 806*

ANTHEM

SERMON

"Are You Ready?"

Nathan Richards

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

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 at 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 THE PEOPLE**

*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

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

#9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef

