

**PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**THE SESSION 2023**

**Clerk of Session**

Ginny Taylor 2021-2023

**Deputy Clerk**

Ayars Lore 2022-2024

**Administration**

Jamie Gray 2022-2024

Ayars Lore 2022-2024

Nathan Richards 2023-2025

**Christian Life**

Leigh Quick 2021-2023

Patricia Robinson 2021-2023

Jo White 2022-2024

**Community & Mission**

Paul Davis 2023-2025

Davis Gammon 2021-2023

welcome  
to our church family



Providence Forge  
Presbyterian Church

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

**PROVIDENCE FORGE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023

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

*Thank you to Olivia Davis, Claire Richards, Paige Richards, Will Richards, and Grady Van Dyke for serving as lay readers.*

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION** Melody Raef

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 23*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

**People: It is you, Lord, who makes me lie down in green pastures.  
It is you who leads me beside the still waters.**

Leader: You restore my soul and guide me in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

**People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, O Lord, forever.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *James 4:8*

Hear these words from the writer of the book of James:

"Draw near to and God will draw near to you."

Let us confess our sins together.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world.

Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to open ourselves to others in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** *I Peter 4:10*

*Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

**5 CENTS A MEAL**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**PRESBYTERIAN MINUTE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Psalm 23; Pew Bible p. 435-436*

**GOSPEL READING** *John 10:22-30; Pew Bible p. 873*

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON** "Who Is Jesus?" Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith separate insert*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)** *Hymnal p. 16*

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** #592 *Doxology*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING** #387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Melody Raef