

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION 2024

Clerk of Session

Ruth Hopke 2024-2026

Administration

Pete Adamson 2024-2026

Jamie Gray 2022-2024

Ayars Lore 2022-2024

Nathan Richards 2023-2025

Christian Life

Paul Davis 2023-2025

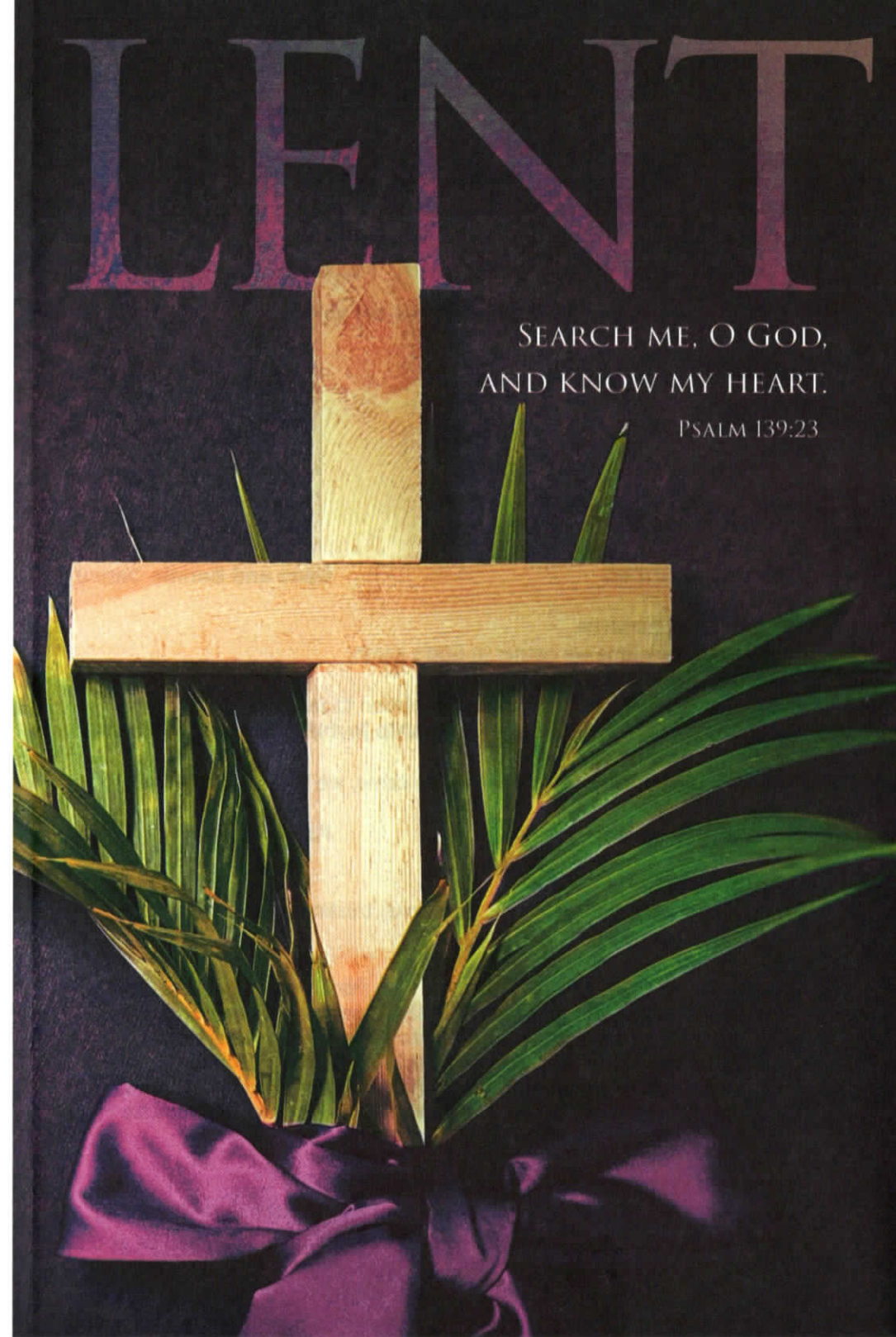
Patricia Robinson 2021-2023

Mary-Catherine Sheridan 2024-2026

Community & Mission

Davis Gammon 2021-2023

Jo White 2022-2024



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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

*Worship Leaders: Ainsley Allen, Illyssa Allen,
Audrey Batkins, Olivia Davis, Claire Richards, Paige Richards,
Will Richards, Grady Van Dyke*

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRELUDE Melody Raef

INTROIT Sweet Hour of Prayer

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

LENTEN READING Gene and Bonnie Daniel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Every time we gather in God's name,

People: we learn something new.

Leader: What will be God's gift of revelation to us today?

**People: We enter this time of worship joyfully, assured of God's
new mercies.**

Leader: Celebrating these blessings to come, we bring our love to God.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #339 *Be Thou My Vision*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us approach God with our confessions, trusting that even before we
speak, God knows us and loves us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *from the Presbyterian Outlook*

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account.

**We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of
You. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story
saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith.
Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be
Your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God is not shy in their love for us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding
in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

5 CENTS A MEAL

PRESBYTERIAN MINUTE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 17:1-7; Pew Bible p. 11*

ANTHEM O Lord I Pray

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Mark 8:27-38; Pew Bible p. 820*

SERMON "What Matters Most" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life
of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal
crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is
proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings
God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in
faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in
Christ.**

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 RESPONSE** #538 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef