



## **Providence Forge Presbyterian Church**

to further God's kingdom on earth, one soul at a time

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# **Sunday, October 20, 2024**

## **Fall Series: Take Up Your Cross**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Martha Martin-Daugherty

**INTROIT** Open Our Eyes Lord

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD!

**People: O LORD our God, you are very great.**

Leader: Bless the LORD!

**People: The Lord, our God, set the earth on its foundations.**

Leader: It shall never be shaken. Bless the LORD!

**People: How mighty are God's deeds!**

Leader: Let us praise the LORD!

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** based on Isaiah 53

**Almighty God, your son Jesus bore our infirmities and was wounded for our transgressions. It was by his bruises that we are healed and made new. Yet we are like sheep who have gone astray and have all turned to our own way. As we turn back to you, help us to turn away from the ways we have perverted justice. Help us imagine a better future that is guided by your ways. Let us not seek to be rich, to commit violence, and let deceit come from our mouths. May we seek to live in the way of the righteous one, your son, may our lives lead others to righteousness, and to the one who bore the iniquities of us all. We pray this in the name of the one who was, is, and always will be. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you...

**People: And also with you.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** Job 38:1-7; Pew Bible p. 420-421

**SECOND LESSON** Mark 10:35-45; Pew Bible p. 823

**ANTHEM** The Blessing

**SERMON** "Refocus" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
Glory to God Hymnal lyrics on insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

#467 How Great Thou Art

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef

**PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CHURCH STAFF**

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pastor                              | Rev. Crystal Varner Parker |
| Administrative Assistant            | Kristel Lamp               |
| Organist & Choir Director           | Melody Raef                |
| Sunshine Nursery School<br>Director | Cathy Davis                |
| Church Treasurer                    | Paul Robinson              |

**THE SESSION 2024**

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ruth Hopke              | Clerk of Session (2024)         |
| Pete Adamson            | Administration (2024-2026)      |
| Jamie Gray              | Administration (2022-2024)      |
| Ayars Lore              | Administration (2022-2024)      |
| Nathan Richards         | Administration (2023-2025)      |
| Paul Davis              | Christian Life (2023-2025)      |
| Patricia Robinson       | Christian Life (2024-2026)      |
| Mary-Catherine Sheridan | Christian Life (2024-2026)      |
| Davis Gammon            | Community & Mission (2024-2026) |
| Jo White                | Community & Mission (2022-2024) |