



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent Series: Words for the Beginning



YOU ARE A BLESSING

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Ellen Davis

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Ryan, Rebekah, Olivia and
Lily Davis

INTROIT O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God says, "Do not be afraid."

People: God says, "I have called you by name."

Leader: God says, "I will be with you."

People: God says, "You are precious and honored in my sight."

Leader: At the beginning of this season, at the start of this week,
at the top of this hour, may we wrap ourselves in these words.

People: May we begin again.

Leader: Let us worship our Holy God!

***SONG OF PRAISE** #13 Prepare the Way

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Affirming God, Your first words to creation were words of love.

You looked at this earth and said, "It is good."

You spoke affirmations through the prophets.

You spoke blessings over Mary. You spoke belonging through Christ.

At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing, made in

your image, held in your love.

Forgive us for forgetting this truth.

Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick
instead of yours.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God says,

People: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

Leader: We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

People: Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7; Pew Bible p. 585-586

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-38 ; Pew Bible p. 831

ANTHEM Silence to Song

SERMON "You are a Blessing" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**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 on
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.**

SONG OF PREPARATION #513 Let Us Break Bread Together

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SONG OF SENDING**

#2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

Worship liturgy and prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

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CHURCH STAFF

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THE SESSION 2024

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