

## Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 24, 2024 Stewardship Series: Gifts of Love \*Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Martha Martin-Daugherty

INTROIT Sweet Hour of Prayer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Revelation 1:5-6

Leader: What brings us together in this place?

People: To worship Christ, who loves us,
who freed us from our sins by his blood
and who made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.

Leader: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: Amen and amen.

#551 Come, Ye Thankful People,

Come

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*SONG OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from the Presbyterian Outlook

Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to the political temptations of this temporary world, seeking power and security while you call us to service and hospitality, consuming your creation while you call us to care for it, hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our failure to claim you, we identify more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom.

We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation. Amen.

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

\*OPASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN Nathan Richards

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL** 

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 93; Pew Bible p. 478

SECOND LESSON John 18:33–37; Pew Bible p. 881

**ANTHEM** A Harvest of Thanksgiving

**SERMON** "What is Truth" Nathan Richards

\*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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

#151 Crown Him with Many Crowns

**OPRAYERS 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** #341 Blessed Assurance

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef

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