



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

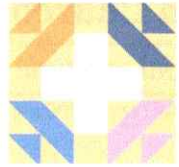
to further God's kingdom on earth, one soul at a time

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

Advent Series: Words for the Beginning



DO THE GOOD THAT IS YOURS TO DO

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Ed Batkins

INTROIT O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Ed, Karen, Evelyn, and
Audrey Batkins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

People: **If you have two shirts, give one away.**

Hold onto hope. Live like we belong to one another.

Speak the truth. Look for God.

Do the good that is yours to do.

Leader: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

People: **Let us worship our present and active God.**

*SONG OF PRAISE *The Candle of Hope* (lyrics on insert)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liberating God,
There are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling.
There are days when I doubt that I can make a difference.
I ask myself,
What could these two hands do?
What could this one voice say?
Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt.
Remind me that I am not called to fix everything.
I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do.
With hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray.
Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Trusting in this good news, join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

People: **We are loved. We are forgiven.**

We are invited to do the good that is ours to do.

Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

COLLECTION FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:9-12; Pew Bible p. 601

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:7-16; Pew Bible p. 834

ANTHEM Christ Chose the Manger

SERMON "Do the Good That's Yours" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a with-us God:
a God who walks with us in the valley,
dances with us on the mountaintop,
sings with us through the night
and rejoices in the morning.
We believe that this with-us God
wired us for relationship,
saying to creation on the very first week,
"Humans should not be alone."

Therefore, in an effort to be who God called us to be,
we strive to live like the Trinity— connected, united, and centered.
We believe in the power of community.
We commit to learning each other's names.
We choose to journey with each other, like Ruth with Naomi.
And we remember that no one can go through life alone.
Thanks be to God, for lighting our way.

#281 Guide Me,

O Thou Great Jehovah

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

◇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**

#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

Pastor	Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
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Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

THE SESSION 2024

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