



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

Advent Series: Words for the Beginning



DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE Melody Raef

INTROIT Joy to the World

WELCOME Jo White

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: His name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD

***SONG OF PRAISE** #263 O Little Town of Bethlehem

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we are honest with God in the prayer of confession, we open ourselves up to receive God's grace and mercy. And that gift—that grace—is full to the brim with good news!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** PCUSA

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 8:34
Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

***◇PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

5 CENTS A MEAL

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9: 2-7; Pew Bible p. 555

SECOND LESSON Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7;
Pew Bible p. 947

ANTHEM Mighty Good News

SERMON Davis Gammon

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #29 Go Tell It On the Mountain

SONG OF RESPONSE #53 What Child Is This

◇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** #23 Angels We Have Heard On High

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
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THE SESSION 2024

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