



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Star of Bethlehem by Hannah Garrity

Sunday, January 5, 2025



THE ROAD ISN'T STRAIGHT

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef
WELCOME Martha Martin-Daugherty
INTROIT Joy to the World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How did you get here?

Left side of the room: I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

Right side: I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.

Left side: I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

Right side: I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

Everyone: I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

Leader: Tell me again. How did you get here?

Everyone: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

Leader: Welcome home. This is God's house.

There is room for you here.

Everyone: Let us worship our gracious God.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #53 What Child Is This

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings,

We admit that we often follow the well-worn path, simply because others have been there before. Sometimes this is holy and humble, but there are days when a new path needs to be tread. On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star. Give us the courage to go home by another way. Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new direction for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor. For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow. With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***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 43:16-21; Pew Bible p. 586

SECOND LESSON Matthew 2:1-12; Pew Bible p. 784

ANTHEM Let the World Sing Gloria

SERMON "The Road Isn't Straight" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed and Congregation

SONG OF PREPARATION

#319 Spirit

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**

#66 We Three Kings of Orient Are

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

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

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

THE SESSION 2025

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