



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, January 12, 2025
Epiphany Series: Living with Joy

**Please stand if you are able.*

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Melody Raef
WELCOME Bonnie Daniel
INTROIT Seek Ye First
***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Call to Worship*

Leader: Holy Triune God, author of community, come baptize us.
People: Remind us what it means to belong to one another.
Leader: God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.
People: Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.
Leader: God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.
People: Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.
Leader: God of vulnerability, come baptize us.
**People: Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**
Leader: Together, let us remember this day.
People: **In the Creator's love we are held,
into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power,
we are claimed. All glory to God. Amen.**

***SONG OF PRAISE** #485 To God Be the Glory

Confessing to God's Mercy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *from Call to Worship*
Lord Jesus Christ, you are always arriving in our world.
You are always appearing in our midst.
You are always making your ways and
your will known among your people.
Forgive us for remaining distracted and dissatisfied.
Forgive us for filling our lives with clutter and noise.
Forgive us for failing to heed your call.
Help us in this season to remain alert and attentive,
that we might not miss your invitations for and among us. Amen.
***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**
***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri◊

*PASSING OF THE PEACE◊

Proclaiming God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7; Pew Bible p. 585-586
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Pew Bible p. 834
ANTHEM O Lord I Pray
SERMON "Baptized in Love" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*
God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #322 Spirit of the Living God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◊

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Departing to Serve

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology◊

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SONG OF SENDING**

#324 Open My Eyes That I May See

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome! We have worship guides located in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please feel free to grab one and use it to understand the different parts of worship or to follow along with liturgy not printed in the bulletin. These portions are indicated with this symbol: ◊

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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

THE SESSION 2025

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and Patricia Robinson

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