



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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A Lenten Journey

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

We say the words printed in **bold** together. | * Indicate we stand as we are able.

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Betty Batkins

WELCOME Jo White

INTROIT Wherever I May Wander

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from a Call to Worship*

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

People: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

People: Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***SONG OF PRAISE** #361 How Firm a Foundation

Confessing to God's Mercy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *from a Call to Worship*

Why are you so extravagant, O God?

We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced,
accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited
legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?

Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not
possess, where accomplishments don't count,

where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering,
where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.

Show us again what matters.

Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance,
that we, too, might be generous with our love. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LENTEN READING

Claire, Paige, and Lucy Richards

John 12:1-8; Pew Bible p. 874-875

Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1195

SECOND LESSON

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

Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 809

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Extravagant Love” Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

#513 Let Us Break Bread Together

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

Departing to Serve

*SONG OF SENDING

#310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Betty Batkins

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