



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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A Lenten Journey

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second 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 Melody Raef

WELCOME Margaret Adamson

INTROIT Ah Holy Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: When evildoers assail us -- they shall stumble and fall.

Leader: The LORD is the stronghold of our life; whom shall I be afraid?

People: Now our heads are lifted up above our enemies all around us,

We will sing and make a melody to the LORD.

Leader: Let us believe that we shall see the goodness of the LORD in
the land of the living.

People: We wait for the LORD, and let our hearts take courage.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #81 Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days

Confessing to God's Mercy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Loving God,

you have formed a covenant with us,
committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you.

Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different
ways, thinking that we know best.

Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you.

Have mercy on our waywardness.

Help us find our way back.

Give us faith so that we can hold the hand

you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. 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

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LENTEN READING Pete & Margaret Adamson
Luke 13:31-35; Pew Bible p. 849

SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1; Pew Bible p. 955

ANTHEM He Is

SERMON "Unstoppable Course" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #298 There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

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**

Departing to Serve

***SONG OF SENDING**

#438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
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THE SESSION 2025

Clerk of Session:	Ruth Hopke
Admin Pillar:	Pete Adamson, Lisa Ballou, Robert Billcheck, & Nathan Richards
Christian Life Pillar:	Paul Davis, Davis Gammon, and Patricia Robinson
Mission & Outreach Pillar:	Hayden VanDyke and Jo White