



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third 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 Martha Martin Daugherty

INTROIT Ah Holy Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 63:1-8

Leader: O God, you are our God;

**People: We seek you; our souls thirst for you;
as if we're in a dry land with no water.**

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
our lips will praise you.**

Leader: Let us bless God as long as we live, for God has been our help.

People: Our souls cling to God and will praise the Lord this day.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Confessing to God's Mercy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us,
we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit.

Our consumption poisons the earth.

Our violence threatens our neighbors.

Our greed exploits the poor.

We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God.

In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ,
and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. 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 Bill and Ruth Hopke
Luke 13:1-9; Pew Bible p. 848
Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1159

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9; Pew Bible p. 598
Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 823

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Unbroken Praise

SERMON "Give It Time" 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** #370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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**

#281 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

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

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