

# 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 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Thank you to our youth for leading us in worship today!

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

INTROIT ! Love You Lord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from a Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who are honest with God. **People: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.** 

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful

offer prayer to the Lord in times of worry.

People: For God is our safe place and protects us in times of trouble.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and joyfully celebrate! People: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** 

#356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

# Confessing to God's Mercy

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the Book of Common Worship

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

#579 Gloria Patrio

\*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

Ellen and Ray Davis

**LENTEN READING** Luke 15:1–3, 11–32; Pew Bible p. 850–851

Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1161-1162

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Pew Bible p. 940

Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1286

**SERMON** "Never Lost" 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

#280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYERS

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY** 

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#592 Doxology◊

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# Departing to Serve

**\*SONG OF SENDING** #372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Betty Batkins

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# **THE SESSION 2025**

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