



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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God on the Move

A Lenten Journey

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First 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 Jo White

INTROIT Seek Ye First

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Leader: We live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow
of the Almighty.

**People: The LORD is our refuge and safe place.
Our God is who we trust.**

Leader: Because we have made the LORD our refuge, God will
command their angels to guard us in all your ways.

People: We are the ones who love God, and God answers when we call.

Leader: God is with us in trouble, rescues us, and honors us.

People: Let us praise the author of our salvation!

***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

As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.

The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy.

We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are
filled with bad choices and failed efforts.

Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens.

Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.

Show us a love that is stronger than death,
a love no tomb can hold. 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 Readers: **Patty & Paul Robinson**
adapted from Luke 4:1-13;
Pew Bible p. 835

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:8b-13; Pew Bible p. 921

ANTHEM Come to Jesus

SERMON "In the Desert" 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chuck Hasbrouck, Dianne Hasbrouck, and Zach Parker

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #363 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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**

#85 What Wondrous Love Is This

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

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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