

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Gathering to Worship

If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome!

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Confessing to God's Mercy

In the presence of a holy God, we turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. Being aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, we turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Let us share this peace with our neighbors.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Easter Series: Building Blocks of Faith

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

Prelude

Melody Raef

Welcome

Martha Martin

Introit

“Give Me Jesus”

Choir

⊕ **Call to Worship**

How can we know the way of God?

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

This is our new commandment in Christ:

As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

⊕ **Hymn of Praise**

#108 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

⊕ **Call to Confession**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

⊕ **Prayer of Confession**

Call to Worship

Christ, our way, our truth, our life,

you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.

You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us.

But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us.

Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

⊕ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

⊕ **Response to God's Forgiving Love**

#579 Gloria Patri

⊕ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Proclaiming God's Word

This prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, Proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of our Reformed tradition.

Responding to God's Love

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), our book of Confessions has various creeds and confessions that help us to put into words what we believe.



Time for Children

At this time, the young (and young at heart) are invited to come forward to the front pew for a conversation around the scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14
Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1198 Pew Bible p. 877

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Glorious Name"

Choir

Sermon

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

✚ Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Helping Kids Learn to Worship

1. Sit near the front. Kids participate more when they can see.
2. Save worship kits for the scripture & sermon.
3. Help them follow along in the bulletin, hymnal, and Bible.

If your infant, toddler or preschooler cannot make it through the service, know there is a nursery available staffed by background-checked volunteers.

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

✚ Hymn of Response

GTG #301 Let Us Build a House

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **Chorus**

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. **Chorus**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger. **Chorus**

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. **Chorus**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion & Prayers of the People

Offertory

✚ **Response of Praise**

#592 Doxology

✚ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

✚ **Hymn of Sending**

#485 To God Be the Glory

Charge and Benediction Postlude

Melody Raef

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.



We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God
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Departing to Serve

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues as we go into the world. We are sent to love and care for God's creation and people.