

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 24th, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Forest Green)

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Isaiah 25:1, 8-9

LEADER: O LORD, you are my God;

PEOPLE: **I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

LEADER: He will swallow up death forever;

PEOPLE: **and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from
all faces, and the reproach of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.**

LEADER: It will be said on that day:

PEOPLE: **“Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him,
that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Come All Ye Faithful, #208*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Luke 1:68-75

LEADER: *People of God, what do you believe?*

ALL: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has
visited and redeemed his people and has raised up
a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers**

and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:5-6

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 8:12

"...Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5

OFFERTORY

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (#203)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, #194*

SERMON

Luke 2:25-32

Rev. David Hina

"The Consolation of Israel"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Joy to the World, #195*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

*Closing Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain, #225 (Verse 3)*

POSTLUDE

Joy Has Dawned (Getty)

Providence DECEMBER Birthdays

2 Jackie Mueller
2 Jolie Patterson
10 Claire Sullivan
11 Dale Grubb

13 Jim Zentko
17 Jamesly Patterson
19 Caroline Randall
29 Vicky Zentko