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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

stg. Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus began His ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

As we have begun and continue on our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit even into the uncomfortable places.

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with huger, doubt and temptation.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in Whom He trusted.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN	"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"	# 35
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, yet we trust in our own works rather than in God's grace. Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross. Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death, we cling to what we know. Jesus calls us to follow Him. Yet we fear where faith will lead and what it might change in our lives. In this moment, we confess the sin that separates us from one another and from God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI		# 583
ANTHEM	"All We Like Sheep"	Martin
CHILDREN'S CHAT		

OLD TESTAMENTDeuteronomy 6: 13a, 16a, 8:3bNEW TESTAMENTMatthew 3: 16-17, 4: 1-11SERMON"Leaving the Wilderness, Faithful and Obedient to God"*HYMN"When We Are Tested""sung to tune of Be Thou My Vision"

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God, from Whon	n All Blessings Flow"	# 608

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN	"Standing on the Promises"	# 838		
*CHARGE AND BLESSING				
*POSTLUDE	"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"	JS Bach		

* Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The flowers are given in loving memory of Mary Hinderliter By Terri Kokemuller

We welcome to the pulpit today, Robin Yurky

Prayer: Flo Hammel, Annabella Fanelli, Kathy Colebank Liturgist: Gaylend Young Nursery: Janelle Yerty

TODAY	10:15 AM	Worship
	3:00 PM	Bowling
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Session meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Choir
THURSDAY	11:30 AM	Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship

The youth are collecting small individually wrapped candy that will fit in plastic Easter eggs for Palm Sunday. If you are able to help, please place your candy donations in the box labeled Easter candy in Fellowship Hall by March 17.

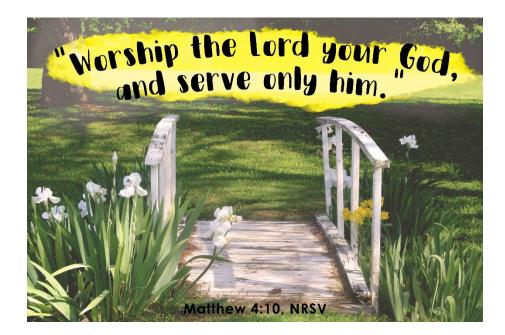
"May the force(4th) be with you" Save your yard sale items for the Outreach Yard Sale, May 4, to benefit Krislund scholarships for Neighborhood kids. No clothing or stuffed animals. More details to come.

Offering boxes are available in the back of the sanctuary. Prayer cards are available in the pews; they will be collected during the Children's Message. If anyone has a need or prayer request, also fill out the card.

"IT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS" is our invitation to everyone to participate in our restoration campaign for the organ. We will be running our campaign into the spring and keep record on our 'thermometer' in fellowship hall.

In case of extreme pastoral emergencies, Rick Herbster is the contact person for the members of this church. If you call him, he will insure the information is passed on appropriately. (937-7375)

We will be making palm crosses on Friday, March 22 at 10 a.m. for anyone who would like to join us!





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