



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "I" arr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this place the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

God's love endures forever!

In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

Christ's light shines in us!

When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope. Forgive us, Eternal Love: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 583

BELLS "What Wondrous Love Is This"
Piano-Carol Young

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2: 1-10

NEW TESTAMENT John 3: 14-21

SERMON "Salvation" Ken Lynch

*HYMN "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" # 755

*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 Whom 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 "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" sung to tune Morning has Broken

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "G" arr.

* Please stand if you are able.

Prayer: Diane, Heather, Jen Larrimore

Liturgist: Sue Payne Nursery: Amanda Stanek

TODAY	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY	10: 00 AM	Mission meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Choir
THURSDAY	11:30 AM	Bible Study
SATURDAY	11:30 AM	Soup on Saturday
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship

CALL TO PRAYER

In Colossians 1:9, Paul lets the church in Colosse know that he had received reports about them. He wanted to reassure them that he was praying for them continually. Let us put ourselves in Paul's place and say to the PNC members, "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." Please continue to pray for the PNC, for God to give them wisdom, compassion, and discernment.

March 23 – Battle of the Brownies Competition at 6 p.m.

March 24 – Egg Hunt for kids ages 1-12 after the service.

The youth are collecting small individually wrapped candy for Easter eggs.

Please place your candy donations in the box labeled 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 are collected during the Children's Chat.

"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 the social hall. Please put organ fund on the memo line or on the envelope. THANKS!

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)



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