



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”* arr. Kim

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who are poor, because God’s kingdom belongs to them.

Happy are those who are hungry, because they will be satisfied.

Happy are those who weep, because they will laugh.

Happy are those who are rejected, insulted, and condemned because of Jesus. They will have a great reward.

The Son of Man lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, comforts those who mourn, and seeks out the lost.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *“Here In This Place”* # 401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 583

ANTHEM *“Hope of the World”* Larson
Flute descant – Amanda Yeager

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 18: 9-14

GOSPEL READING Luke 15: 11-32

SERMON “Parables from the Underside”

*HYMN *“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”* screen

*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.

Our offerings are a sign of gratitude. Let us join together and sing our praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

*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 *“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”* # 852

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Excerpt from “My Song Is Love Unknown”* Vaughan Williams

* Please stand if you are able.

Prayer: Goss family, Mike, Mary, Bill
Liturgist: Gaylend Young Nursery: Jon Yerty

Today	10:15 AM	Worship
WEDNESDAY	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	6:30 PM	Choir
THURSDAY	11:30 AM	Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship

We need books for kids to be placed in our community library. Thank you

New Members Inquirers Lunch – Sunday, March 30, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

Have you thought about becoming a member here at Providence Presbyterian Church? Would you like to learn more about our church, our denomination, and what membership entails?

Pastor Hilary would like to invite those who are interested in membership (or those who aren't sure but want to learn more about it) to a **New Members Inquirers Lunch** where you can learn all about our church, our denomination, our beliefs, our form of governance, and all about what membership looks like here at Providence Presbyterian Church.

Join us after worship on Sunday, March 30th for an informal lunch and learning session about membership at Providence Presbyterian Church. There is no pressure to join. This is an invitation to learn more about membership. We hope you will join us!

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. Questions? Please contact Pastor Hilary at 814-577-4269 or pastor@providencepc-altoona.org

Today is the last day to order and pay for Easter flowers.

We raised \$625 at the pancake breakfast. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated towards our future youth events! We greatly appreciate it.

LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

*Third Sunday
in Lent*