



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"The Old Rugged Cross"* Innes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord God of Israel,

Who remembers the covenant with our ancestors and brings salvation from our enemies.

Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

To give light to those who are sitting in darkness, to guide us on the path of peace.

Bless the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things,

Who calls all people and seeks the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws.

Bless the Lord God of Israel.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* # 156

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 *"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"* Althouse

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 5-25

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 39-56

SERMON "Lifting Up the Lowly"

*HYMN *"Give Thanks"* # 647

*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 *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* # 740

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

Prayer: Marsha Hansard
Liturgist: Gaylend Young Nursery: Joan Conway

Today	10:15 AM	Worship
TUESDAY	9:30 AM	Mission meeting
WEDNESDAY	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	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

In the event of inclement weather, before venturing out, please check your email and/or the church's Facebook page or website for any scheduled changes or cancellations.

LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

*First Sunday
in Lent*