

# PROVIDENCE CHURCH, PCA

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025—11:00 a.m.**

Song of Ascent

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices (#217)*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 98:1,3-4

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!

PEOPLE: **His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.**

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

PEOPLE: **All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

LEADER: No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** ..... *Joy to the World, #195*

**\*INVOCATION**

## **GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.2*

**The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Luke 1:18-20

*“And Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.’ And the angel answered him, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.’”*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 1:68-71

*“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.”*

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-17

OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter (Gloria)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *What Child is This (#213)*

SERMON

Matthew 1:18-25  
**“Jesus is God with Us”**

David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... *Joy Has Dawned*

**1. Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation—  
God’s salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for ev’ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love—  
Jesus born of Mary.**

**2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother’s breast,  
Vuln’rable and helpless.**

3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophecy the story.  
Gold—a King is born today,  
Incense—God is with us,  
Myrrh—His death will make a way,  
And by His blood He'll win us.

4. Son of Adam, Son of heaven,  
Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend!  
What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of hist'ry."

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## **GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Men Rejoice (#207)*

### **Providence DECEMBER Birthdays**

2 Jackie Mueller  
10 Claire Sullivan  
11 Dale Grubb

19 Caroline Randall  
29 Vickie Zentko