

Providence Presbyterian Church  
Worship Service—January 29, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Dave Pettit

\*Gathering Song

“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
And Seek His righteous ness,  
And Knock all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 15)**

**Leader:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People:** Those who walk blamelessly and seek to do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

**Leader:** Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the path of the wicked is unacceptable, but who honors those who fear the Lord.

**People:** Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy  
 2. Here I raise my \*Eb-en - e - zer, Hi-ther by thy help I'm  
 3. O to grace how great a dedt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

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 grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
 come; And I hope by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at  
 be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to

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 praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wander - ing from the fold of  
 Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I

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 love; Praise the mount! I'm fixed u - pon it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 God; He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

**Prayer of Confession:**

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we are not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

**Moment of Silence:**

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

**Leader:** He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all sin and injustice

**People:** and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**Leader:** Believe the promise of the gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Response:**

**“Loving Spirit”**

1. Lov - ing Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, You have cho - sen me to  
2. Like a moth - er You en - fold me, Hold my life with - in Your  
3. Like a fa - ther You pro - tect me, Teach me the dis - cern - ing  
4. Lov - ing Spir - it, in Your close - ness I am known and held and

be; You have drawn me to Your won - der, You have set Your sign on me.  
own, Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, Form me of your flesh and bone.  
eye, Hoist me up up - on Your shoul - der, Let me see the world from high.  
blest: In Your prom - ise is my com - fort, In Your pres - ence I may rest.

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Choir Anthem: **“Stand Up, Rejoice, and Sing”**

*Choir*

**Children’s Sermon**

*Cassie Bennett*

**Poem:** “Blessed are you who bear the light” by Jan Richardson

*Blessed are you*  
who bear the light  
in unbearable times,  
who testify  
to its endurance  
amid the unendurable,  
who bear witness  
to its persistence  
when everything seems  
in shadow  
and grief.

*Blessed are you*  
in whom  
the light lives,  
in whom  
the brightness blazes—  
your heart  
a chapel,  
an altar where  
in the deepest night  
can be seen  
the fire that  
shines forth in you  
in unaccountable faith,  
in stubborn hope,  
in love that illumines  
every broken thing  
it finds.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12



Closing Hymn:

"There is a Wideness In God's Mercy"



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2. There is wel-come for the sin - ner And more grac - es for the good;  
 3. For the love of God is borad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;  
 4. If our love were but more sim-ple We should take Him at His word,



There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice Which is more than lib - er ty.  
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in His blood.  
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet ness of our Lord.

Call for The Offering

Prayer of Dedication of the Morning Offering

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please stand if able.*

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Worship Leaders

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Dr. Dave Pettit, Piano Accompanist: Sami Copeland,  
 Christian Ed Director: Cassie Bennett, Choir Director: Amy Thorne, Liturgist: Diane Vaughn

**Greeters:**

**Offering Counters:** Tamera Zinn and Anibal Muniz-Ramos

This Week at Providence

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Jan 29th, 2023               | 9:30 – 10:30 am   | Worship Service         | Sanctuary  |
| Monday, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm    | Paul White Memorial     | Sanctuary  |
| Tuesday Jan 31st, 2023              | 9:30 – 10:30 am   | Coffee and Conversation | Fellowship |
| Tuesday Jan 31st, 2023              | 7:00 – 8:30 pm    | Session                 | Sanctuary  |
| Wednesday, Feb 1st, 2023            | 6:30 – 8:00 pm    | Choir Rehearsal         | Sanctuary  |
| Saturday Feb 4th, 2023              | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | Step Seven Ministries   | Sanctuary  |

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## Announcements

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### Upcoming Events & Announcements:

**The celebration of life for Paul White will be Monday January 30th at 4 pm at the church.** Please do not park at the daycare center. If our lot is full, drop off any passengers and head to the south, we have arranged for parking behind the AMC theater (off of Stage Dr.). Neal will be running a shuttle to bring drivers back to church. There will be a dinner after the service for family, if you would like to help by bringing a lasagna, or garlic bread, please give Steve a call at 303-730-5759. For those wanting to join the service online, a Zoom link will be sent out Monday morning.

**The Directory has been updated. Copies are available in the Narthex.**

**Providence Book Club:** We had a nice group at church and online last Thursday to discuss The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. The group as a whole really enjoyed it. Many are looking to read the sequel The Secret Keeper of Jaipur. Several books were suggested, but we decided to read, West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge for February. If you have already read that, the book for March is Grisham's The Boys From Biloxi. We will meet, as usual, on the third Thursday of the month. See you February 16th at 2pm!

**SUPER BOWL Sunday is February 12, our next collection for the Parker Task Force will be SOUPER BOWL Sunday February 19.** We encourage you to bring soups; a way for us to celebrate the game with a staple for those in need. Any monetary donations to the Task Force can be placed in envelopes (available in the narthex) and placed in the offering box. Thank you!

**PPC Choir: Practices are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** We would love to add new voices. Music degrees not required! Anyone is welcome. If you would like to join, or even give it a try, let Amy Thorne know, or just join us for rehearsal. We will start with familiar music as we get back into rhythm.

**Prayers:** This week at Providence please keep the following people in your prayers:

**Remembering the Homebound:** Jim and Judy Nash, Phyllis Christensen, Pat Schwartz, Renee Mastriona, Betty Lutz, Ken Stabler, Lois Spangler, Jacqueline Murphy, Art Wise. **Health Concerns:** Sharon Strange, Laurie Schmidt, Donna Hoyt, Harold Higgins, Lea Marot, Roxanne Bennett. **Prayer & Support:** Irene Cope, Fran Proctor, Phil Dinan, George and Gigi Gaffga, Dan Hawthorne, Jacqueline White. **Prayers for Friends & Family:** Patsy Slack, Vanessa Pierce, Tom Roth, Deanna, Robert Prater, Verna Stabler, Judy McGill, Pat Lauer, Sue Jansch, Connie Bennett, Betty Losh, Doctoroff family, Jack Oliver. Thank you for your prayers.