

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Wopsononock Winds arr. Bussick

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Readers are new members of church

Reader 1: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Reader 2: You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. For the yoke of their burden you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader 1: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader 2: As we light this candle of peace, we remember that peace for the world begins with peace in our own hearts. We wait for the Prince of Peace, who will show us the way to end all war. Let peace begin with me – let peace begin with each one of us. Let us pray:

All: God, in you we find true and everlasting peace. While we wait for peace to reign on earth, teach us to hold the light of peace in our own hearts, to love our neighbors, and to follow in the way of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* # 82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, You created the earth, whole and round; You created us to be whole people. But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, shattered trust. We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin: prejudice, oppression, and fear. We have become fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands. Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where we have been hurt. Let Your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world, showing that in You we are made whole. In You we find healing. In You we find renewed life. Help us to forgive, to love, to mend. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

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Wopsononock Winds *"Il Est Ne Le Divin Enfant"*

Faure, arr. Portus

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Micah 5: 1-5

SECOND READING Luke 1: 5-25

SERMON "The Sound of Silence"

SERIES "Calling All Angels"

*HYMN *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* # 347

*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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* Wopsononock Winds Holst, arr. Bussick

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 608

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving/Prayers of People

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

