

PROVIDENCE CHURCH

11 A.M. FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Opening Praise (sing together) Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship From: Psalms 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name.

People: Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him.

People: Tell of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

*Hymn: *God, Be Merciful to Me #51C*

Scriptural Exhortation: Hebrews 13:16

Prayer of Confession: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be

regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 86: 3-5

*Hymn of Response: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus #520*

*Affirmation of Faith; Westminster Larger Catechism

Q78: Whence ariseth the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

A78: The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

Q80: Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

A80: Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.

Prayer of the Congregation and The Lord's Prayer

Ruling Elder Norval Sells

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever, Amen.**

Hymn: I Know Whom I Have Believed #517

Reading of Scripture for the Sermon: Hebrews 12: 1-3

Sermon Title: *The Christian Marathon*

Rev. Harry Monroe

* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven.
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there He will come 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.**

The Lord's Supper

**Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #514*

*Benediction