

# Providence Church

11:00 am December 1, 2024

*Prelude*

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

\* Opening Praise *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.*

\* Call to Worship *Psalm 121*

Leader: I Lift up my eyes to the hills.

**People: From where does my help come?**

Leader: My help comes from the LORD,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn *God, Be Merciful to Me* #51C  
*(Stanzas 1-4)*

Scriptural Exhortation *Colossians 3:5-10*

Prayer of Confession: **Holy Father, we come before You in the righteousness of Christ, through whom we've been forgiven and justified, and we are thankful. We acknowledge Your claim on us: that we pursue righteousness—holy and obedient living that is blameless before God and man. How far we have fallen short in this. We confess that we have not pursued it with all our**

**strength. We have not hated sin and loved righteousness, often doing the opposite instead. Please forgive our lukewarmness toward godly living. Wash us in the blood of our righteous Substitute, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1: 8-9

\* Hymn of *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #300  
Response

\* Affirmation of Faith *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q30: Doth God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**A30: God doth not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of his mere love and mercy delivereth his elect out of it, and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.**

Q31: With whom was the covenant of grace made?

**A31: The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.**

Prayer of the Congregation and  
The Lord's Prayer

Ruling Elder Terry  
Larsen

**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                    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                    #293

Sermon Text:                    Genesis 1:26-31

Sermon Title:                    Rev. Harry Monroe  
From Creation to Christmas

\* 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.**

\* Hymn                    *Song of Zechariah*                    #294

\* Benediction