

Providence Church

11:00 am December 15, 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 2:7-9

Leader: I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

People: He said to me, “You are my son, today I have begotten you.

Leader: Ask of me and I will make the nations your heritage.

People: And the ends of the earth your possession.

Leader: You shall break them with a rod of iron,

People: And dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Leader: Jesus Christ Is Risen!

People: He Is Risen Indeed!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn

God, Be Merciful to Me

#51C

(Stanzas 1 & 6)

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**

* Indicates Congregation Standing

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
Response

Angels We Have Heard on High

#318

* Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q38: Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God?

A38: It was requisite that the mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God’s justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q39: Why was it requisite that the mediator should be man?

A39: It was requisite that the mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Q40: Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God and man in one person?

A40: It was requisite that the mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

Prayer of the Congregation and
The Lord’s Prayer

Ruling Elder Dan
Wilkerson

**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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #311

New Testament Reading: Galatians 3:15-29
Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-9
Sermon Title: Rev. Harry Monroe
From Abraham to Advent

* 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 *Joy to the World* #299

* Benediction