

Providence Church

11:00 am January 5, 2025

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 117

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Leader: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy!* #230

Scriptural Exhortation Psalm 51:1-5

Prayer of Confession: **O God our Father, You are holy and wise, and just and true in all Your ways. We confess we minimize You in our thoughts; our view of You is not high enough. We do not think of ourselves as ruined sinners before a completely just and holy God; all our sins condemn us. Dear Father, forgive us and pardon us through Christ's atoning sacrifice. We thank You for**

what our Lord Jesus has done for us on the cross; cleansing us, purifying us before You. What a blessing to know we have been restored to You. May we live in Your strength day by day. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

II Corinthians 5:17-21

* Hymn of *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #157
Response

* Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A1: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 *Be Thou My Vision* #446

Sermon Text: Luke 8:4-15

Sermon Title: Rev. Bill Fitzhenry
The Fruitful Believer

* 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #429

* Benediction