GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Chimes and Prelude

"Processional" – Ed West Setting by Daniel E. Gawthrop

Words of Welcome

Timothy Hill

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The one who taught with wisdom and understanding, the one who brought a new teaching of healing love, invites us to share the peace we have found with one another this day.

*Call to Worship

Lee Canipe

from Psalm 111, Mark 1

Fount of Life, Glorious One,

Your great works are full of honor and majesty:

the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.

Ever-Living God, Generous One,

Your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.

Sheltering God, Healing One,

You remember Your covenant and its promises to us:

the grace and mercy you give, the healing You offer, the tenderness You show to us.

The works of Your hands are faithful and just.

Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

Your praise endures forever! Amen.

*Procession of Light and Word

As the Light of Christ and Word of God are placed before us, we are reminded that Christ is present with us in our worship and is revealed to us through the written Word of God.

We worship today with expectancy, desiring to listen to God's voice.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn 295, NETTLETON

Opening Prayer

Blake Kendrick

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

Musical Reflection

"Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls" – Sanctuary Choir Words and Music by Z. Randall Stroope

Words of Assurance

We hear that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but we fail to understand its meaning. Trust what the psalmist proclaimed:

Worshiping God in awe and wonder leads to wisdom and fullness of grace. May our worship this day enlighten our minds and heal our hearts.

*Responding in Song

"Down at the Cross" **Hymn 582,** GLORY TO HIS NAME, arranged by Noel Freidline

All children are invited to come forward at that time.

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through prayer, song, Scripture, and preaching

Children's Moment

Elizabeth Maye Hudson

Musical Reflection

Noel Freidline

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lee Canipe

Sermon

"The Best Answer"

The Best Allswei

Please take a moment to reflect silently.

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word in song and offering

Prayer of Gratitude

Caroline Cuellar

Offertory Music

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" — Noel Freidline Words and Music by Thomas Dorsey and George Allen

*Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

"New Doxology"
Words and Music by Louis Bourgeois, Thomas Ken, Thomas Miller

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Lee Canipe

*Responding in Song

"Glorious Is Thy Name" **Hymn 344**, GLORIOUS NAME

SENDING

We are *sent* out into the world to love God and our neighbors

Words of Fellowship

Lee Canipe

Benediction

Christ before us, Christ beside us,
Christ behind us, Christ in all that we do.
Christ in our hearts so that we may love mercy,
Christ in our mouths so that we may speak truth,
Christ in our eyes so that we may see him
in the face of our neighbors.

[†]Following Christ Into the World

As the Light and Word go before us, we are reminded that God calls each of us to be the presence of Christ in the world. As we depart from this place of worship, may our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

"Recessional in C" – Ed West Setting by D. E. Wagner

A PROMISE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome you into our church family!
As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we offer you our love, our care, our encouragement, and our fellowship. By God's grace, we hope to learn from you, give to you, and serve with you, as we grow together in the Holy Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

[†] Please remain and reflect on how God might be leading you to respond as you prepare to go into the world to serve in God's name.

^{*} Worshipers are invited to stand.

Welcome to Providence Baptist Church!

Are you visiting today? Let's get to know one another! Fill out a guest card in the pew or scan the QR code.



LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lee Canipe, Senior Pastor
Timothy Hill, Minister of Music
Dane Jackson, Minister with Students and Their Families
Blake Kendrick, Minister for Adult Discipleship
Elizabeth Maye Hudson, Minister with Children and Their Families

Caroline Cuellar, Deacon

Lawson Gambill, Acolyte Nora Gambill, Bible Bearer

Musicians

Sanctuary Choir Ed West, organ Noel Freidline, piano

Worship Support Team

Michael Aycock, Andrew Blackwell, Bill Fairley, Staley Green, John Hall, Winston Kendrick, Matthew Perrone, Lila Stockwell, Max Thomas For information on how to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office.

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Generosity Update

Praise the Lord! We have fulfilled 100% of our \$3 million Restore & Renew goal! Providence's Financial Plan for 2024 is at 97.6% fulfillment as well! We are incredibly blessed to have such a dedicated, generous congregation to support Providence and all it does for the Cotswold and Charlotte community.

If you have not yet made a commitment to either campaign and are feeling led by the Lord to give, there is still time! You can make your financial commitment to Providence in 2024 by visiting Realm.

It is such a blessing, and we are so thankful to everyone who has pledged to Providence's Missions and Ministry in 2024. Weekly updates will be given through the end of January, so continue to check these emails and the Restore & Renew website.

God continues to do incredible work in and through Providence. Join us in giving Him praise for all He has done!

CONNECT WITH US

Stay connected at Providence by visiting www.providencebc.org

Save the Date

February 4 Children's Sunday February 4 Sundaes on Sundays February 7 Sacred Grounds

February 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 14 Ash Wednesday



For more information about any of the above opportunities and more, visit providencebc.org/calendar or scan the QR code above.



PBC♥CLT is a month-long invitation to share your time and gifts alongside your Providence family. By working together, we will Bless Charlotte in impactful ways as we come together as a church family to share the love of Jesus and serve our city.

How will you let it be known this month that Providence loves Charlotte? For more information, visit providencebc.org/connect/pbc-loves-clt

Missions Partner Highlight

ROOF ABOVE

Working together to end homelessness

Roof Above is a comprehensive homeless service provider serving 1,200 people per day through a spectrum of services ranging from street outreach, day services, emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing. Roof Above unites communities to end homelessness, one life at a time.

Providence is blessed to partner with Roof Above to participate in their Room in the Inn program, which occurs on Saturdays in February.

We are looking forward to hosting them again next month and we hope you'll come be a part of this incredible program to show God's light and love.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH 4921 RANDOLPH ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211



January 28, 2024 - 10:30am Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at Providence Baptist Church is interactive, participatory, and focused on God. In worship, we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, seeking to experience God in ways that are both ancient and modern.

Because Jesus makes unity a priority for his disciples, we worship God together in one service on Sunday morning.

Because our church is diverse in age,

we use worship songs and texts that are ageless.

Because the body of Christ is a worldwide communion, we celebrate the many types of worship that we find among God's people.

Together, as one congregation, we commit ourselves to worship that speaks the truth about God, and places Jesus Christ at the center of our lives.



"Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them,

"When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.