*Doxology Old Hundredth

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God for all that Love has done: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Offertory Prayer

Sharing the Table of Christ

*Hymn 840 God Be with You God Be With You

Commission and Blessing

Postlude Allegro, Sonata No. 5 in C Major

Benedetto Marcello

Worship Participants

Colleen and Larry Whelpley Ushers: Worship Leader: Naledi Kolishovska Tour Guides:

Karen Marshall/Joanne Schneider/Stan Lemons

Ministry Staff

Rev. Dr. Jamie P. Washam Pastor: Minister of Music: Stephen T. Martorella Administrative Assistant: Holly B. Edwards Anne Gagan Bookkeeper: Sexton: Tony Zambarano Sunday Sexton: Ary Peralta Victoria Pfanstiehl **ASL Interpreter:** Nursery Care Worker: Ashley Muchiri

Announcement

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE.

The Annual Meeting will be held on the 9th of February. Several of our members, including the clerk, will be away on the mission trip to La Romana on the 4th Sunday of January, our usual meeting date.



Gathered by ROGER WILLIAMS A.D. 1638

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, January 05, 2025 Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude Adagio, Sonata No. 5 in C Major Benedetto Marcello Camille Saint-Saens

Kate Ritzau, Cello

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

All: O God, call us so we may hear Your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

All: O God, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement,

All: O God, remind us that You lead us.

Guide us as we look towards and follow You. Amen.

*Greeting One Another

Announcements

*Responsive Invocation

One: By your grace, God, you give us this New Year.

All: We give you thanks for more time to enjoy your goodness, more time for service, wonder, and joy.

One: Continue, God, to make all things new, even us. We move into a new year with some fears about the future. Give us faith that we venture into a New Year led by you and that you will give us all we need faithfully to serve you and courageously to follow where you lead.

All: Bless your church here and worldwide, we pray, set today amid new challenges and new threats. Give us what we need to meet the challenges and enable us not to be intimidated by the threats. Fill us with renewed vitality for the tasks at hand.

One: Give us, we are bold to pray, wisdom, grace, and courage equal to the assignments that you will give us during the coming year. Help us to have half as much faith in ourselves and our discipleship as you have placed in us by calling us to be your disciples.

All: For all that has been, we give thanks. For all that is to be, we give you our determination to be as faithful to you in the New Year as you have been to us in the past. Amen.

*Hymn 78 O God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem Recit and Aria: "But who may abide' from *Messiah*George Frederick Handel

Jason Shealy, baritone

Prayers of the People

Abba God, 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. Lead us not unto temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn 185 We Three Kings of Orient Are Kings of Orient

Preaching Going the Distance

Offertory Recit and Aria: 'The people that walked in darkness' from *Messiah* George Frederick Handel Jason Shealy, baritone