

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JUNE 1, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 100.1-5*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | No. 53*

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 5*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly forever adore Him.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Hebrews 12:1-2

Minister: Christian, how are we connected to those who have gone before us in the faith?

**All:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Across the Lands*

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You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation. You're the Lord of ev'ry man.  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

*Chorus*

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

*Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All:** Heavenly Father, forgive us for the way that we have neglected and misused the good gifts that you have given us. We have loved comfort and ease more than investing our lives in pursuing you and your eternal kingdom. We also repent for the ways we have served you with sinful attitudes, resenting the call to put the needs of others before our own. Whether we have worked hard or been lazy, our eyes have been fixed primarily on ourselves. Father, forgive us. Jesus, thank you that your perfect work in our place enables us to stand forgiven in your presence today. Holy Spirit, stir up our hearts to love and good works. Help us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In his matchless name we pray, Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21*

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

### *Children's Time*

*After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary.*

*Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.*

## OFFERINGS

*Online giving is available at any time at [providencedallas.givingfire.com](http://providencedallas.givingfire.com) or using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also place offerings in the white boxes on the lobby tables before or after the service.*

**SCRIPTURE READING\***

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**SERMON**

**The Church That Echoes Christ**

*Rev. Nate Libby*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

***The Church's One Foundation***

MOSS

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S TABLE

*All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith.*

*If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.*

*A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

*Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.  
The outer ring is grape juice, and the inner rings are wine.*

*During the bread*

#### **God of Grace**

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God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:  
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began,  
Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.  
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## CLOSING HYMN\*

### *O Church, Arise*

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O church, arise, and put your armor on,  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies,  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor,  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
An inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

## BENEDICTION\*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this  
time forth and forevermore.