

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

**MAY 11, 2025**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*from Romans 11:33, 36; Revelation 7:12*

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. And to Him be the glory forever.

**All:** Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\***

## **HYMN\***

*All Creatures of Our God and King | No. 115*  
*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Psalm 121*

Minister: Christian, who watches over you by day and by night, and keeps you through all the seasons of life?

**All:** We lift our eyes to the hills—where will our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let our feet slip; the One who watches over us never sleeps. Indeed, the Keeper of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps. The Lord watches over us; He is our shade at our right hand. The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will protect us from all harm—He will guard our lives. The Lord will watch over our going out and our coming in, both now and forevermore. Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator | No. 97*

KREMSER

*Stanzas 1-3*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o'er take us, escape you will make us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we often fail to trust You, being stubborn and rebellious, sometimes unwilling to hear Your loving, fatherly instruction. When we face suffering, we lose confidence in Your love, living as though we are orphans. Father, forgive us, and help us to trust You throughout life's trials and tribulations. We thank You, Lord, for Jesus, who perfectly trusted You, His Father, on our behalf, relying fully on Your Spirit and obeying every law, command, and instruction, fulfilling all that was required for us. The sins for which He died were ours, and for this profound act of love, we are deeply grateful. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

## RECOGNITION AND COMMISSION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

*Elizabeth Bill  
Connor Bowers  
Mary Aldon Harris  
Benton Owens  
Leighton Thornton*

## 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\*

***Galatians 3.15-29***

<sup>15</sup> Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. <sup>16</sup> The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

## SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)

<sup>19</sup> Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. <sup>20</sup> A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

<sup>21</sup> Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. <sup>22</sup> But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (NIV, 1984)

SERMON

Christ: The Key to the Lock

Rev. David Rea

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *O Great God*

Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

## 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*

#### ***Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170***

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## CLOSING HYMN\*

### ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | No. 521**

SOLID ROCK

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace,  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

*Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

*Chorus*

## BENEDICTION\*

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