

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 25, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 66

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | No. 38

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 103

Minister: Christian, what do we know to be true about the Lord who meets us with mercy and forgives our sins?

All: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Before the Throne of God

Bancroft, Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for the work of the Holy Spirit, who lovingly convicts us of our sin. This morning, we confess that we are often proud and self-reliant, rather than poor in spirit. All too frequently, we hide and excuse our sins while judging others for theirs. We are not meek but quick to defend our rights and protect our reputations, valuing our own name more than Yours or the names of others. Lord, we acknowledge that we deserve Your judgment for these things. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to live as those truly blessed in Christ. Help us to love the righteousness that has redeemed us and to long for the day when You will complete that righteousness in us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

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 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 5.22-26

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

SERMON

Fruitful

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place | No. 469

ST. COLUMBA

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Take My Life and Let it Be | No. 585
Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be
with you all now and forever.