

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 18, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 67.1-5

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | No. 296
Stanzas 1, 3, and 6

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from Revelation 1:5b-6; 5:12, 13b

Minister: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!

SONG OF PRAISE

Speak, O Lord

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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, you are the Sovereign King who created and sustains all things by your wisdom. Yet we confess that we have not honored you nor given you the thanks and praise you deserve. Instead, we have worshiped power, control, money, reputation, and self. We often value these things more than we value you, pursuing them as if they were treasure. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for Jesus who always fully trusted and treasured you above all else. By Your Spirit, help us to learn from Him and transform our hearts to be more like His. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time (10:30 service only)

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.

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.

⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."

¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

SERMON

Great Question

Rev. David Rea

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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN*

God of Grace

GETTY & REA

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.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON NOTES

PPC Fall Bible Studies

Women's Studies

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND
Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m.

Taught by Alyson Averitt in the PPC building

For Such a Time as This: Ruth and Esther: These books recount the stories of two women living in difficult circumstances, the ways they learned to trust in the Lord, though neither knew what lay ahead, and the amazing ways He cared for them. The Lord used them each in unexpected ways to play an integral role in the unfolding of Israel's history to bring great glory to His kingdom. Together, we will see the beautiful character of God on display, His sovereignty and His loving-kindness, and we will be encouraged by the great truth, put into words so well by Charles Spurgeon: *"When we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."* We would love for you to join us. If you have any questions, please email Alyson Averitt (alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com).

Men's Studies

Young Adult Men's Study - The Gospel According to Luke

Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC

Taught by Chris Bennett (chris.bennett@providencedallas.com)

Luke tells us that he wrote his account "that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught." In these uncertain times, we need the reminder that our faith rests on a secure and solid foundation. Come join us for a time of study and fellowship on Thursday evenings as we learn more about this "certainty" that Luke proclaims.

The Gospel of Luke

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at PPC

Taught by Dick Lewis (rlewhome@yahoo.com) and Ken Hargrove (kwhargrove@yahoo.com)

This semester, we will be studying of the Gospel of Luke.

The Life of Abraham

Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at PPC

* Lunch is provided.

Taught by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

Ian Duguid writes, "Abraham is supremely the man of faith in the Old Testament. He, perhaps more than almost any other person in the Bible, knew what it means to live by faith in the face of overwhelming circumstances. In the pages of the book of Genesis, we find recorded for us the faith, and the failures, of a man like us, who lived in the gap between promise and reality." Join us Wednesdays at lunch as we take a closer look at the life of Abraham and are encouraged to look to the greater Abraham, our Lord Jesus.

"To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC

Taught by Graham Averitt, Michael Breed, Teddy Chu, and Joshua Kipp

William Beveridge, 19th century theologian, said these words near the end of his life: "The older I grow - and I now stand upon the brink of eternity - the more comes back to me the first sentence in the Catechism which I learned when I was a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes: What is the chief end of man? To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

Join us Friday mornings as we study the rich, devotional summary of Christian doctrine contained in the 107 questions and answers of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. If you would like to join us, please e-mail michael.breed@gmail.com so that we can provide access to the resources we'll be using for the study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Corrie and Christopher Norfleet, as well as Sadie, Erin and Jack, in the loss of Christopher's father, Blain Norfleet. We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please save the date for our next new members class. We will meet on Friday evening, November 13 and Saturday morning, November 14. Please plan to join us for both meetings. Email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com for more information and to sign up.

WOW Lunch

Please join us for a WOW lunch on Wednesday, October 21 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Princi Italia (5959 Royal Lane, Dallas 75230) on the patio. RSVP to Beth Nelson at 918.230.0902.

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