

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 25, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 111

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the godly and the congregation.

All: His work is majestic and glorious, and his faithfulness endures forever.

Minister: He does amazing things that will be remembered; the LORD is merciful and compassionate. He provides for His people; He always remembers his covenant.

All: He provided redemption for his people; He ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 295

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Proverbs 3.5-6

Minister: Christian, in whom are we called to place our ultimate trust?

All: We are to trust in the LORD with all our heart and not lean on our own understanding; in all our ways we are to acknowledge Him, knowing and believing that He will direct our paths.

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

THOMPSON

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou, full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

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 our pervasive lack of trust in you. As you called Abraham out of his country into unknown circumstances, so you often call us to walk through difficult and frightening times. In response, we often turn to other things for ultimate hope and comfort. Like sheep, we are prone to wander; we have turned – every one of us – to our own way. And yet the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, laid down his life for a wayward people. Father, help us to trust that you always use the suffering of your children for good, as we see so clearly in the cross of Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.

² “I have loved you,” says the LORD.

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

⁴ Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.”

But this is what the LORD Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. ⁵ You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the LORD—even beyond the borders of Israel!’

⁶ “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the LORD Almighty.

“It is you priests who show contempt for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’

⁷ “By offering defiled food on my altar.

“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’

“By saying that the LORD’S table is contemptible. ⁸ When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the LORD Almighty.

⁹ “Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?” — says the LORD Almighty.

¹⁰ “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands. ¹¹ My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.

¹² “But you profane it by saying, ‘The Lord’s table is defiled,’ and, ‘Its food is contemptible.’ ¹³ And you say, ‘What a burden!’ and you sniff at it contemptuously,” says the LORD Almighty.

“When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?” says the LORD. ¹⁴ “Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.”

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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*

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place | No. 469
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

ST. COLUMBA

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.

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 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 email michael.breed@gmail.com so that we can provide access to the resources we'll be using for the study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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