

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 118.19-24*

Minister: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

**All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Minister: The stone the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone;

**All: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** | No. 92  
*Stanzas 1, 2 and 4*

EIN' FEST BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from Colossians 1.13-18*

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.**

Minister: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**All: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might hold first place.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Be Thou My Vision* | No. 642  
*Stanzas 1, 2 and 5*

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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, we confess that we are a people who constantly turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules of your Word. Our eyes covet the possessions and blessings you have given to our neighbors. Our minds and our mouths are filled with sinful thoughts and words. Our hearts are too attached to things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of being devoted to The One who loved us and gave Himself for us. Father, more and more, give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. 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.

## 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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING\* **Malachi 2.17-3.1-5**

2 <sup>17</sup> You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

3 <sup>1</sup> "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me," says the LORD of hosts.

## SERMON

### ***The Refiner's Fire***

*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\***

***I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

COOK

*Stanzas 1-3*

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace;  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;  
His face forever to behold.

**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.

## 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](mailto:office@providencedallas.com) for more information and to sign up.

### *WOW (Wisdom of Wisdom) Lunch*

Please join us for lunch on Thursday, November 12 at Fernando's (4347 Northwest Highway, 75220). RSVP to Christi Andersen at 214.773.8943 by November 8.

*Cody McClarty, trumpet  
Brian Brown, French horn  
Jarrod Robertson, tuba*

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#### **Deacons**

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