

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 9.7-10*

Minister: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

**All: He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.**

Minister: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* | No. 4  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Hebrews 9.11-12*

Minister: Christian, how does Christ fulfill the office of a priest?

**All: When Christ came as high priest, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.**

## 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

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

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

**All: Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

### PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

### 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\*

*Hebrews 9.11-14*

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

SERMON

*Priest and Victim Are One*

*Dr. Bob Cara*

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\*

***Nothing but the Blood*** | No. 307  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 4*

PLAINFIELD

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus: O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone- nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done- nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace- nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness- nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

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

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## 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

### ***In Loving Memory***

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Rebecca and Mark Herrell, as well as Everleigh and Lillian, in the loss of Mark's father, Clifford Herrell.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Leslie and Randy McCabe, as well as Cole, Gray, Weston and Hayes, in the loss of Leslie's father, LL Cotter.

We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

### ***Guest Preacher - Dr. Bob Cara***

Dr. Bob Cara is the Hugh and Sallie Reaves Professor of New Testament at RTS Charlotte and Provost and Chief Academic Officer for the RTS institution. He has been a professor at RTS for over 25 years. Bob is an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and he preaches regularly in the Charlotte area. We are thrilled to have Dr. Cara filling the pulpit for us this morning!

### ***New Worship Service Time and Increased Seating Capacity***

Beginning next Sunday, November 15, our first worship service will start at 9 a.m. The second worship service will continue to start at 10:30 a.m. Also beginning next Sunday, we will increase the seating capacity in the sanctuary during worship to 120 per service. This increase will allow more people to attend their preferred service while still being able to socially distance. Overflow seating and a livestream of the service will continue to be available as well.

### ***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 (Women 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.

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#### **Ruling Elders**

Graham Averitt	Jeff Crow	Tom McCabe
Wes Boyd	John Heath	
Michael Breed	Joshua Kipp	

#### **Deacons**

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
Teddy Chu	Casey Plummer	
T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	