

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 17, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Minister: Blessed are those whose strength comes from You.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Rejoice, the Lord is King | No. 310
Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Chorus

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.

Chorus

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith, 15.2

Minister: Christian, what does repentance involve?

All: Seeing and sensing not only the danger but also the filthiness and hatefulness of his sins, the sinner turns from all his sins to God in the realization that God promises mercy in Christ to those who repent, and so grieves for and hates his sins that he determines and endeavors to walk with God in all the ways that he commands.

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 Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

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

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have rescued us by your grace. Yet we continue to sin against you day after day. All too often we take the best gifts that you offer in creation, and we warp them into instruments of self-worship. We think that we are superior to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, but in our hearts and our minds we are guilty of these things as well. Forgive us, we pray. Thank you that you have begun a good work in us that nothing can stop, and that one day we will stand before you in the glory of sinless perfection as Christ's beautiful bride. We give thanks for this in the name of Jesus. 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 (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*

Matthew 3.1-17

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

Heralding the King

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*

Jesus, I Come

SLEEPER THOMPSON

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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.

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Gil Fischbach in the loss of his father, Gilbert "Gil" Fischbach, Jr.

We also extend our heartfelt condolences to Lydia and Dan Freiberger, as well as Matthew and Andrew, in the loss of Dan's grandfather, Eugene Minor.

We pray for both of these families, that they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

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Graham Averitt	Jeff Crow	Tom McCabe
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Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
Teddy Chu	Casey Plummer	
T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	

Matthew 3.1-17

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”³For this is he who was
spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all
the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by
him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism,
he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath
to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say
to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from
these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to
the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is
mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will
clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he
will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and
do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is
fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus
was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens
were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and
coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

PPC BIBLE STUDIES

SPRING 2021

MEN'S STUDIES

The Gospel of Luke

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on February 3

Led by Ken Hargrove (kuhargrove@yahoo.com)

The men's Wednesday morning Bible Study will be continuing through the Gospel of Luke with discussion questions based on the passage and the commentary, "Exalting Jesus in Luke." If you haven't picked up a commentary yet, they are available at the church. On the first Wednesday of each month, our group meets at La Madeleine (Preston and Forest) for breakfast, fellowship and prayer requests; and on the other Wednesdays, we meet at the church for the study.

The Life of Abraham

Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at PPC beginning on February 3

*** Lunch is provided.**

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

This spring we will continue our study in the life of Abraham. 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 on 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.

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

Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at PPC beginning on February 4

Led 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.

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

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on February 5

Led 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 continue our study of the rich, devotional summary of Christian doctrine contained in the 107 questions and answers of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. This spring, we'll be studying the portion of the catechism that covers the Ten Commandments and their application to the practical and devotional life of the Christian.

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.

PPC BIBLE STUDIES

SPRING 2021

WOMEN'S STUDIES

PPC Women's Spring Bible Study

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

Beginning February 3

Led by Alyson Averitt in the PPC building

The Word Made Flesh: An in-depth and devotional overview of the New Testament from the birth of Christ through the final pages of Revelation. Together we will learn more about how these books came together, and we will look at some very key passages as well as some difficult passages. As we study the beautiful and full picture of these 27 books, we will better understand how each of them plays a part in uniquely revealing to us our Brother, Shepherd, Savior, Friend, the very Word made flesh: our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com if you have any questions or to sign up.

YOUTH STUDIES

9th - 12th Grade Bible Study - The Life of David

1st and 3rd Sundays after worship, in the High School room

Beginning February 7

* Lunch is provided.

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

In 1 Samuel 13:14, when King Saul has failed as a king and Samuel is getting ready to replace him we read these words: "... The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people..." That man would be David, the man after God's own heart. This spring we will be taking a closer look at the life of David, King of Israel and as we do so, we will also be pointed to the true and better David, King Jesus.

6th - 8th Grade Bible Study - The Book of Genesis

2nd and 4th Sundays after worship, in the High School room

Beginning February 14

* Lunch is provided.

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

The name of this book means beginning and that is what Genesis is all about. It lays out for its readers the beginning of the universe, the beginning of mankind, the beginning of man's relationship with God, how mankind fell from their right relationship with God, and it describes the beginning of God's plan to save humanity from their fallen estate. This semester we are going to take a closer look at the beginning of our Bible and seek to better know and understand our great God as he has revealed himself to us in this book.