

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 31, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Philippians 2.8-11

Minister: And being found in appearance as a man, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

All: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Praise to Christ

ENGELBERG

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,
Yielding his glory in his love's design,
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought;
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from Romans 9.30-33

Minister: What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;

All: But the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.

Minister: Why not?

All: Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

SONG OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

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 have brought us into your kingdom, but we run from you daily and worship other gods. We often love food, money, titles, possessions, family, and friends more than we love you. We crave approval, power, respect, and comfort, and are often willing to sin to get them. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to despise the false security, comfort, and pleasure our sins offer, so that we might be more fully devoted to Christ, in whom we find delight, fulfillment, and true rest. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW MEMBER VOWS (10:30 service)

Chase Aldridge

Olivia Costanza

Ashley and Michael Flowers

Jack Richey

Courtney and J.D. Rimann

Jeffrey Saunders

Ann Marie and Blake Waltrip

Hope and Parker Woodruff

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*

Luke 4.13-30

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

The Truth Can Hurt

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 is Lord

GETTY AND TOWNEND

“Jesus is Lord!”—the cry that echoes through creation:
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.

BENEDICTION*

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

Table listing church staff members: David Rea (Pastor), Chris Bennett (Pastor to Young Adults), Nate Libby (Youth Pastor), Alyson Averitt (Women’s Ministry), Kristi Breed (Children’s Ministry), Allyson Crow (Ministry Coordinator), Dorothy Edwards (Church Accountant), Jonathan Smith (Worship Coordinator), Jill Smith (Pianist), and Dave Clelland (Minister in Residence). Includes phone numbers and email addresses.



PROVIDENCE
Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elders

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

Deacons

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

Luke 4.13-30

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’”

²⁴ And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.