PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JUNE 20, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Luke 1.68; 2.25, 30-32

Minister: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people, for those who have been waiting for the consolation of Israel.

All: For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125

ASH GROVE

Stanzas 1-2

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving To God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who guides us and leads to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses, And sun in its orbit, obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, With glad adoration a song let us raise, 'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from 2 Peter 3.8-13

Minister: But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

All: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Minister: Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

All: But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Is Mine Merker, Kauflin and Getty

Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine. Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine. Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place, Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine. Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine. His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul, He will sustain my hope; Jesus is mine.

Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine, When all else fails, He still remains; Jesus is mine.

When on that final day, Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine." Refrain

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 are righteous and holy, but we are not. We are not poor in spirit. Rather, we are often proud and sinfully self-reliant. We do not properly mourn over our sin: we frequently hide and excuse it, while judging others for their sin. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you and praise you for Jesus, who lived and died that we would know the blessings of true forgiveness. 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

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*

1 Thessalonians 4-5

SERMON Always Ready Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone GETTY AND TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all — here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid — here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death — this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home — here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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.

During the bread and the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

CITYALIGHT

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom; my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; for in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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.

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1 Thessalonians 4-5

- 4 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
- ⁵ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Incoming 1st – 5th Grade Movie Night

All incoming 1st - 5th graders are invited to join us for a movie night on Friday, June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. We will serve pizza and popcorn and have a fun movie for the children to enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com.

Men's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship

All PPC men are invited to join us on Wednesday nights this summer for a Bible study, dinner and fellowship. Our next meeting will be on June 23, 6-8 p.m. at the church. We will start each evening with a brief Bible study from the book of Proverbs followed by dinner and a time of fellowship. Dinner will be provided! An evite will be sent out a week before each meeting for you to RSVP. We hope you will join us!

Young Adults Women's Book Study

The young adult women will be gathering throughout the summer on Monday evenings for a casual time of fellowship and discussion of Jen Wilkin's book, "None Like Him." Please text Courtney Rimann at 601.466.5980 for more information. Please come join us for this sweet time of community!

PPC Infants and Preschoolers Mommy and Me Playdates

Please join us at PPC every other Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for play time, story time, crafts and music for infants and preschoolers. The next dates are June 30, July 14, July 28 and August 11. If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com.

Youth Summer Events

This summer, we are excited to have various gatherings for both our middle school and our high school students! Our middle school boys and girls will have separate, weekly Bible studies on Tuesday nights, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. There will also be some fun events planned for our high school students! If you have youth (rising 6th - 12th graders) who would like to participate, and you would like to know more, please email Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com).

Nursing & Comforting Rooms for Families during Worship Hour

Providence has both a nursing room and a comforting room for families. These rooms are fully equipped with a streaming television and volume control that allows for the service to be seen and heard perfectly. The nursing room, around the corner from the children's desk, has a changing station and privacy blinds. The comfort (& joy) room, #136, has a bin of toys and books to accommodate toddlers and other children who might be struggling to stay quiet in the service and is in the same hallway as the church offices. We encourage families to make use of these rooms as they are intended to be a help to all church attendees in allowing the Word of the Lord to be clearly heard and reflected upon during worship.

Weekly Update

If you would like to receive our weekly email that includes announcements, information about Bible studies, and details about upcoming events, please email office@providencedallas.com. We would be happy to include you!

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would like to speak to a pastor, please send an email to office@providencedallas.com. We would love to connect you with a staff member or officer who can help you.