

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JUNE 6, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 147

Minister: Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

All: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit!

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

a responsive reading from Proverbs 4.20-23

Minister: My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

All: Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;

Minister: For they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

All: Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

SONG OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising | No. 660
Stanzas 1-2

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Father, you have called us your people, and you have given us a new heart made alive by Your Spirit. You have freed us from bondage to sin, yet, we continue to live as people who frequently refuse to recognize your rule. Forgive us for the ways in which we have both willfully refused and carelessly neglected to live according to your Word. Grant us grace, through your Spirit, to live as a free people, a people who love You and who keep Your commandments. We ask you grant this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

RECOGNITION AND COMMISSION OF GRADUATING SENIOR

Virginia Leigh Rea

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*

Acts 17.16-34

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

Living Proof

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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!

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*

We Will Glorify

PARIS

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the Great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the Great I Am.

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.

Jared Sanders, horn

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Acts 17.16-34

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"-- because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PPC Women's Dinner and Fellowship

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a casual taco dinner and fellowship on Thursday, June 10, 6:30-9 p.m. at the home of McKenzie Burleson (7411 Mason Dells). We will enjoy tacos from the Mexico Lindo taco truck! We will be eating outside, weather permitting. Please come as you are; come and go, or stay for a while! We are suggesting a \$10 donation per person for dinner. We hope to see you there! RSVP to alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com.

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 16, June 30, July 14, July 28 and August 11. If you have any questions, please email 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 six-week Bible study, dinner and fellowship. We will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church on the following Wednesdays: June 16, June 23, June 30, July 14, July 21 and July 28. (We will not meet on July 7.) 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 save the dates and plan to join us when you can!

Incoming 1st – 5th Grade Movie Night - Save the Date!

Save the date for a PPC movie night for all incoming 1st - 5th graders 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. More details to come! If you have any questions, please contact 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, 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.