

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JULY 18, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 32:1-2; 10-11

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose
spirit is no deceit.

**All: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one
who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and
shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 146.3-6

Minister: Christian, in whom are you to place your ultimate trust?

**All: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When
their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come
to nothing. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the
LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them--
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Is Mine

MERKER, KAUFLEN 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

Repeat Refrain

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that you are the Creator and Sustainer of all things and we live under your omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, mercy, and grace. You love us more faithfully than we could ever know, yet we often place our ultimate trust in our own wisdom, abilities, finances, connections, jobs and health. Forgive us, we pray. By your grace, enable us more and more to trust in the Triune God who created us, redeemed us, and provides for us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

SERMON

The "Foolishness" of the Cross

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Power of the Cross

GETTY & TOWNEND

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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.*

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

During the bread

Instrumental

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING 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!

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.

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 July 28 and August 11. If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at childrensministry@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.

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In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Nancy and Rob Mowrey, as well as Ashley and John Mowrey and Hannah and Stephen Clarke, in the loss of Nancy's brother, Dr. Carroll Tate Hutchens, II. We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

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 July 21, 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!

1st – 5th Grade Movie Night

All incoming 1st - 5th graders are invited to join us for a movie night on Friday, July 23 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.

Yesenia Campos, violin

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