PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JULY 4, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 22:22b, 97:12, 145:1,3

Minister: In the midst of the congregation I will praise You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

All: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory | No. 122 Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

ODE TO JOY

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might; Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night; Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea; All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve. Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee; We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity. Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will; With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Galatians 4.4-7

Minister: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son,

All: Born of a woman, born under the law,

Minister: To redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons.

All: Because of our Sonship, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So we are no longer slaves, but children of God; and since we are his children, God has made us his heirs.

SONG OF PRAISE

May the Mind of Christ My Savior | No. 644

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day, By his love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and quick to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, and my sullied conscience. I am blind while your grace shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and help me to repent of my unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, and gaze on thee. Enable me, by your Spirit, to grow in grace so that there may be more fervor in my devotion and more constancy in my zeal. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

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.

ST. LEONARDS

SCRIPTURE READING* Acts 18:24-19:7

²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

¹⁹ ¹And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

SERMON	The Holy Spirit in Ephesus	Rev. Chris Bennett
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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do— Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude, Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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*

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power | No. 300 Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power, Wisdom and riches and strength evermore Give ye to him who our battle hath won, Whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy; Ever descendeth the love from on high; Blessing and honor and glory and praise-This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 14, 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!

Middle School Youth Bowling Night

All middle school youth are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 13, 6-8 p.m. for a fun night of bowling and fellowship at Bowl & Barrel (8084 Park Lane, at the Shops at Park Lane). Dinner will be provided! An evite will be coming out soon. If you have any questions, please email Nate Libby at nate.libby@providencedallas.com.

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

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. More details to come! If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Breed at childrensministry@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 July 14, July 28 and August 11. If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com.

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