

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 15, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 4.14-16

Minister: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.

All: But we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

I Sing the Almighty Power of God | No. 119
Stanzas 1-3

FOREST GREEN

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Isaiah 43.1-3

Minister: But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

All: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie,
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by,
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

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, we find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us, but more rarely do we delight in you. We praise you when you give us what we think we need, but we often fail to endure our trials patiently because we doubt you are working all things together for our good. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for your radiant and beautiful Son, who delighted in you and trusted you in every circumstance. Help us, more and more, to run joyfully to you in the midst of our weakness and to feel the blessings of forgiveness and the light of your countenance. 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* *2 Corinthians 1.1-11*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

SERMON

Purpose in Our Pain

Rev. Nate Libby

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, I Come

SLEEPER THOMPSON

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

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

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!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please save the date for our next new members class. We will meet on Friday evening, September 24 and Saturday morning, September 25. Please plan to join us for both meetings. Email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com for more information and to sign up.

Fall Christian Education

Sunday School classes for all ages will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 12. Our Fall Bible Studies will also begin that week. More information about our classes and studies will be coming soon. Please stay tuned!

PPC Women's Ministry Fall Dates

All PPC women are invited to join us for our Fall "Gather" Dinner on Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. We will hear a few of our PPC women share about the faithfulness of the Lord in their lives, and we will enjoy fellowship over a meal together. More details to come!

Please mark your calendars for our Wednesday Bible Studies: September 15 through November 17, at both 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the church. (Childcare is provided for our morning study). This semester, we will study the book of Revelation. The sign-up email with a more detailed description will go out in a couple of weeks, and you will be able to pick up your study book in the church foyer beginning in late August. We hope you will plan to join us!

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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