

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 22, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 63.1-3*

Minister: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will give you praise.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Authority and Power* | No. 453  
*Stanzas 1, 2, 4*

NEANDER

All authority and power, ev'ry status and domain,  
Now belongs to him who suffered our redemption to obtain;  
Angels, demons, kings and rulers, over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship, ev'ry tongue shall call him Lord;  
How are men to call upon him if his name they have not heard?  
Therefore go and make disciples, preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days,  
With his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways;  
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from 2 Corinthians 7.8-10*

Minister: Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while — yet now I am happy, not because you were hurt,

**All: but because your sorrow led you to repentance.**

Minister: For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way.

**All: Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

### PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

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. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

### 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.*

<sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.<sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.<sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.<sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,<sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**SERMON****The Inner Battle***Rev. Chris Bennett***HYMN OF RESPONSE*****O Church, Arise***

GETTY AND TOWNEND

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues 'til the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

## 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\*

***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\*

*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.

## SERMON NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Prayer Requests***

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

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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. To register, please email Alyson Averitt at [alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com). We hope you will plan to join us!

Marco Jerez - flute  
Brent Buemi - clarinet  
Leslie Massenburg - bassoon

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Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
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