

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 29, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 84*

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | No. 53  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 5*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Psalm 48*

Minister: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

**All: God is in her towers; he has shown himself to be her fortress. When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together, they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.**

Minister: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever.

**All: Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, and consider well her fortified walls. View her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *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!

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge before You that we have deeply and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, and other sinful affections. But we repent of these things, knowing that you are a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. Deal with us according to your mercy and not according to our sins. Forgive us for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Cooper Michael Bennett*

## 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> When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. <sup>8</sup> On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. <sup>9</sup> He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. <sup>10</sup> While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." <sup>14</sup> And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

<sup>15</sup> After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. <sup>16</sup> And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

<sup>17</sup> When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. <sup>18</sup> On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup> After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>20</sup> And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, <sup>21</sup> and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. <sup>22</sup> What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup> Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; <sup>24</sup> take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. <sup>25</sup> But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality."

<sup>26</sup> Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### *Speak, O Lord*

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your 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 and the cup*

***Instrumental***

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### CLOSING HYMN\*

***Take My Life and Let it Be*** | No. 585  
*Stanzas 1, 3 and 5*

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

### 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

### ***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

### *In Loving Memory*

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jill and Jonathan Smith, as well as Brighton and Jenna, in the loss of Jill's grandmother, Neva Petray Woulfe. We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

### *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. Please see the bulletin insert for more information about all of our class and study offerings!

### *PPC Women's Fall "Gather" Dinner and Fellowship Event*

All PPC women are invited to join us for our fall dinner and fellowship event on Thursday, September 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary for a welcome and to hear some of our women share about the faithfulness of God in their lives, and then we will share dinner together afterwards. We pray this will be an encouraging start to your fall, as well as an avenue for greater fellowship among our women. We hope you will plan to join us! If you have any questions or to RSVP, please email Alyson Averitt at [alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com).

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Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
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