

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 8, 2021

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 84*

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

**All: Blessed are those whose strength is in You. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

### HYMN\*

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** | No. 92  
*Stanzas 1, 2 and 4*

EIN' FEST BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Isaiah 46*

Minister: Bel and Nebo, the gods of Babylon, bow as they are lowered to the ground. They are being hauled away on ox carts. The poor beasts stagger under the weight. Both the idols and their owners are bowed down. The gods cannot protect the people.

**All: Listen, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain and carry you.**

Minister: To whom will you compare the LORD? To whom will you liken Him that He may be compared?

**All: Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

CITYALIGHT

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing. I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted. Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,  
For there my heart has found its treasure. Christ is mine forevermore.

### 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, your Word penetrates our hearts and exposes the truth about our thoughts and intentions. It uncovers our self-righteousness and self-centeredness, as well as the secret sins that we hide so successfully from one another. We are a people who frequently harbor evil thoughts in our hearts and even our best deeds are often deeply stained by wrong motives. Forgive us, we pray. We ask that your Spirit enable us more and more to live like Jesus, our great High Priest, who loves us and gave himself for us. Remind us of the hope of the Gospel: that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. In his matchless name, we pray. Amen.**

### PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:23*

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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>1</sup> Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? <sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. <sup>3</sup> You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. <sup>6</sup> He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

SERMON

**The Greater Glory**

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

***I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

COOK

*Stanzas 1-3*

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
 Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;  
 My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
 The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.  
 I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,  
 Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace;  
 My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.  
 He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold  
 And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;  
 His face forever to behold.

## 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\*

***He Will Hold Me Fast***

MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*Chorus*

#### 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

### ***Swim Party for Families of Infants, Preschoolers and Elementary Age Children***

All families of infants, preschoolers and elementary age children are invited to join us for a Back to School Swim Party on Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Spring Creek Pool (7817 Belt Line Road). Lunch will be provided. We hope you can join us for this fun opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other families at PPC! If you have any questions, email Kristi Breed at [childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto: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 date is August 11. Email Kristi Breed at [childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto:childrensministry@providencedallas.com) if you have any questions.

### ***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

### *El Buen Pastor School Supply Donations*

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to help collect school supplies for the children served by El Buen Pastor! Today is the last day to collect supplies. Jahaziel Cantu will distribute the backpacks and school supplies to the families before school starts. Please email Chris Bennett at [chris.bennett@providencedallas.com](mailto:chris.bennett@providencedallas.com) if you have any questions.

### *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. 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!

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