

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Revelation 5:11-13

Minister: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

All: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! | No. 100
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27

Minister: Christian, what is the Providence of God?

All: The Providence of God is the almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby He upholds heaven and earth with all its creatures, and so governs them, that rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things are governed not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision | No. 642

SLANE

Stanzas 1, 2 and 5

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, our hearts are constantly storm-tossed by our varied circumstances. When life is going well, we feel safe and secure. When we face trials and frightening situations, we are cast down and feel sure that we will drown. Instead of thankfulness and peace, our hearts are often ruled by forgetfulness and fear. While we know that you have overcome this world, our sense of security is often fleeting and built upon flimsy things. Father, forgive us. Jesus, thank you for your perfect peace in all life's deepest trials. Because of you, we are the Father's priceless treasure, his beloved children, whom he will never give up. In His matchless name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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.

22 ³⁰ But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 ¹ And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day." ² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" ⁴ Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" ⁵ And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. ⁹ Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" ¹⁰ And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

SERMON

An Extraordinary Providence

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

GETTY AND PAPA

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
 Who holds our days within His hand?
 What comes, apart from His command?
 And what will keep us to the end?
 The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing Hallelujah!
 Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
 Who holds our faith when fears arise?
 Who stands above the stormy trial?
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
 There we will rise to meet the Lord,
 Then sin and death will be destroyed,
 And we will feast in endless joy,
 When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain Repeat Refrain*

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.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

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.*

During the bread

Instrumental

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Jesus is Lord

GETTY AND TOWNEND

“Jesus is Lord!”—the cry that echoes through creation:
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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.

Acts 23.12-24

¹² When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

¹⁶ Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷ Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him." ¹⁸ So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, "Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you." ¹⁹ The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?" ²⁰ And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. ²¹ But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent." ²² So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, "Tell no one that you have informed me of these things."

²³ Then he called two of the centurions and said, "Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. ²⁴ Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor."

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

PPC Women's Fall Bible Study - All Things New: A Study of the book of Revelation

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND
Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning September 15

Led by Alyson Averitt in the PPC building

In this last book of the Bible, God “pulls back the curtain,” in a sense, and gives His people a glimpse of the glorious picture of Christ and of God’s sovereign rule over all of history. Revelation offers great encouragement to the church to persevere in the midst of persecution, as Christ will have the victory. It is a stunning picture of the glories of the new heavens and the new earth, when the dwelling place of God will fully be with His people, and He will wipe away every tear and make all things new. Please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com if you have any questions or to sign up.

Men's Bible Studies

“The Discipline of Grace”

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 15

Led by Ken Hargrove (kuhargrove@yahoo.com)

The Exodus

Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 15

* Lunch is provided.

Led by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

Young Adults Men's Study - The Gospel According to Luke

Tuesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 14

Led by Chris Bennett (chris.bennett@providencedallas.com)

Joshua

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 24

Led by Graham Averitt, Michael Breed (michael.breed@gmail.com), Teddy Chu, and Joshua Kipp

Youth Studies

This fall, we are looking forward to various Bible studies and gatherings for both our middle school and our high school students! If you have youth (6th-12th grade) who would like to participate, and you would like to know more, please email Nate Libby at nate.libby@providencedallas.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Birth

We rejoice with Meghan and Nate Fischer, as well as Paul, Elizabeth and Samuel, as they welcome their daughter and sister, Mary Bradford, born on September 2!

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.

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.

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!

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