

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 145.1-3

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King. I will praise your name for ever and ever.

All: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness is beyond comprehension!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | No. 76
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Hebrews 10-11

Minister: Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them.

All: These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

SONG OF PRAISE

What Wondrous Love is This | No. 261

WONDROUS LOVE

Stanzas 1-3

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

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 are grateful for your forgiveness and that you would look on Christ and pardon us. However, we are a people who praise you that we are not condemned; and yet with our next thought, we freely judge and condemn others. Among other things, we sinfully judge their appearance, their education, their spirituality, and their perceived lack of wisdom and giftedness. We even judge them for the things we frequently do ourselves. Father, forgive us. We thank you for Jesus who came not to condemn the world but to save prideful sinners like us. Holy Spirit, help us to repent of our judgmental thoughts. Help us to love and forgive others as we have been loved and forgiven in Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

25 ²³ So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. ²⁴ And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵ But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. ²⁶ But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. ²⁷ For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him."

26 ¹ So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: ² "I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, ³ especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently. ⁴ "My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. ⁵ They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. ⁶ And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, ⁷ to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! ⁸ Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? ⁹ "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

SERMON

Freedom

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of Grace

GETTY & REA

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
 Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
 God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:
 His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
 Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.
 God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
 Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
 All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
 God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
 And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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, What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

Stanzas 1-3

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Chorus

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

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. .

Acts 26.12-32

¹² “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ ¹⁵ And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles -- to whom I am sending you ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹ “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. ²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²² To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

²⁴ And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” ²⁵ But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” ²⁹ And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am -- except for these chains.”

³⁰ Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. ³¹ And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” ³² And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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

WOW (Women of Wisdom) October Fellowship

Please join us for a fun morning at the Arboretum on Friday, October 15! We will plan to meet at the Arboretum main entrance at 10 a.m., or you can meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. if you would like to carpool. We will have lunch afterwards at Smokey Rose nearby. Please text Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512 with any questions and to RSVP.

Family Fall Festival

All families of infants, preschoolers, elementary, and middle school age children are invited to join us for a Family Fall Festival on Sunday, October 24, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at PPC. We will have bounce houses for the children and an activity inside for the middle schoolers. Dinner and popsicles will be provided. We hope you can join us for this fun opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other families at PPC! An evite will be coming soon.

PPC 60's+ Christmas Party - Save the Date!

Please save the date for the PPC 60's+ Christmas party on Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Cathy and Craig Parker. More details to come!

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!

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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