

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 115

Minister: Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, "Where is the God of Israel?" The idols of the nations are merely silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

All: They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. O house of Israel, trust in the LORD – He is your help and shield. You who fear him, trust in the LORD – He is your help and shield.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come Thou Almighty King | No. 101

TRINITY

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading adapted from Romans 8.14-17

Minister: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

All: The Spirit we received does not make us slaves, so that we live in fear again; rather, the Spirit we received brought about our adoption to sonship.

Minister: And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

All: Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

SONG OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

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 come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We fret and worry about so many things: our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many others as well. Often we doubt your willingness to care for us, and sometimes we even doubt your very existence. Father, forgive our unbelief. We thank you for Jesus who persevered and perfectly trusted you through many trials and great difficulty because of the joy that was set before Him. Father, help us to believe that because of Christ, you will never leave or forsake us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

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.

21 ³⁷ As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, “May I say something to you?” And he said, “Do you know Greek? ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?” ³⁹ Paul replied, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people.” ⁴⁰ And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

22 ¹ “Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.”

² And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said: ³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. ⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, ⁵ as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶ “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. ⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ ⁸ And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ ⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’ ¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

¹² “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well-spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

¹⁷ “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ ¹⁹ And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. ²⁰ And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ ²¹ And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

SERMON

The Living and Personal God

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (cont.)

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.

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*

His Mercy is More

BOSWELL/PAPA

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus:

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

Acts 22.22-30

²² Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live."
²³ And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, ²⁴ the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this.
²⁵ But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" ²⁶ When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen." ²⁷ So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." ²⁸ The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth."

²⁹ So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him. 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.

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. 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!

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 Sheri and Raegan Barringer, as well as Bryn, Jackson and Cade, in the loss of Raegan's grandmother, Christine "Chris" Pearl Barringer. 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 for more information and to sign up.

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

All PPC women are invited to join us for our fall dinner and fellowship event this 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.

Fall Christian Education

Sunday School classes for all ages will begin at 9 a.m. next 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!

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