

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 3, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Romans 11:33, 36; Revelation 7:12

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory
forever.

**All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might, be to our God forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Hebrews 4.14-16

Minister: How should we respond to having Jesus as our Great High Priest?

**All: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high
priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every
respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence
draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to
help in time of need.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Ancient of Days

CITYALIGHT

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all,
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands,
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O His love is sure and He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King,
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

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, you are holy and perfect in all your ways, yet you stoop to love us, fallen and sinful rebels that we are. We do not deserve your kindness and care, yet you have set your love upon us. You pursue us with your everlasting promise to work all things for our good and your own glory. And yet we are a people who frequently struggle with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. In our minds we often rehearse the sins and weaknesses of others, as we try to justify ourselves in self-righteousness. Father, forgive us for the many sins that we commit each and every day. We thank you for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin, and for the obedience of Christ, which replaces our record of rebellion with the glory of his perfect holiness. Holy Spirit of the living God, help us, we pray. Make Christ appear excellent to us and beautiful in our eyes as we worship, as we work, and as we live. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

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.

¹ And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ² And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³ The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴ And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵ And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶ There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷ We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸ Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

⁹ Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰ saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." ¹¹ But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹² And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

¹³ Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴ But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵ And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸ Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

SERMON

The Perfect Storm*Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Church, Arise

GETTY AND TOWNEND

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
 For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
 With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
 An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
 And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
 When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues 'til the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in 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.

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 and the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | No. 598

CWM RHONDDA

Stanzas 1-3

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION*

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

Acts 27.21-44

²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ ²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we must run aground on some island.”

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship’s boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.” ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship’s boat and let it go.

³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.” ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

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! If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com.

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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