

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 16, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Matthew 11.28-29

Minister: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.

All: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | No. 53
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

All Praise to Christ

ENGELBERG

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,
Yielding his glory in his love's design,
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought;
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith, 15.2

Minister: Christian, what is true repentance?

All: True repentance is the process whereby we see and sense not only the danger of our sins but also the filthiness and hatefulness of them. This occurs when the sinner so grieves for and hates his sins that he turns from them to God in view of the mercy found in Jesus Christ.

SONG OF PRAISE

Show Us Christ

KAUFLIN AND PLANK

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth.

*Chorus: Show us Christ, show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word, Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today.

Chorus

Repeat 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, we praise you for your graciousness, and we thank you for 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. We thank you for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin. Holy Spirit of the living God, 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

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.

SCRIPTURE READING***Luke 2.39-52**

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

SERMON**Perfect Wisdom***Rev. David Rea***HYMN OF RESPONSE*****Speak, O Lord***

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your 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
Instrumental

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

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

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON NOTES

Men's Bible Studies

"True Community"

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on January 12

Led by Ken Hargrove (KHargrove@brwarch.com)

This semester, we will be using Jerry Bridge's book, "True Community." Biblical fellowship in New Testament times had rich and varied meanings, including covenant relationship, partnership in the gospel, communion with God and others and the sharing of earthly possessions. In this study we will explore "koinonia" (Christian fellowship) and the practical implications it has for us today. On the first Wednesday morning of every month, we meet for breakfast and fellowship at La Madeleine (Forest and Preston). On the other Wednesdays, we meet at the church for the study.

The Exodus

Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at PPC beginning on January 19

*** Lunch is provided.**

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

This semester, our men's study will continue a dive into the book of Exodus. God promised to bless Abraham and make him a great nation, and that promise is accomplished in the book of Exodus. Not only does this book show the faithfulness of God to his promises but it also prepares its readers to be introduced to the Lord Jesus, the greatest fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham. Phillip Ryken summed up the book well when he said that Exodus is a picture of "Israel's deliverance from Egypt which anticipated the salvation accomplished once and for all in Jesus Christ." Join us Wednesdays at lunch as we consider this great book of the Old Testament.

Young Adults Men's Study

Tuesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on January 18

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

This study offers Young Adult Men a space to delve deeper into God's word as well as each other's lives through a time of study, fellowship, and prayer. We meet every week on Tuesdays and pause once a month to enjoy a time of extended fellowship together, usually over a meal or around a fire or some other activity.

Colossians and Philemon

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on January 21

Led by Graham Averitt, Michael Breed, Teddy Chu, and Joshua Kipp

Join us on Friday mornings for fellowship and Bible study. We will work through the books of Colossians and Philemon, using the "Knowing the Bible" study series. Come and be encouraged as we delve into these books and occasionally, eat tacos together! Please contact Michael Breed at michael.breed@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Michele and Jim Kernen, as well as Rebecca, in the loss of Michele's brother, Phillip Streit. We pray they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

WOW Winter Brunch

Please join us for a WOW (Women of Wisdom) brunch on Saturday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. at La Madeleine, 12930 Preston Road, Dallas. RSVP to Pam Franklin by texting her at 214.628.8863 by Monday, January 17. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Studies

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND

Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8 p.m.

Beginning January 19

Led by Alyson Averitt at PPC

Proverbs: The Way of Wisdom

As we think through all the opportunities that a new year provides to grow in the Lord, we will explore the wisdom He has given us in the book of Proverbs. In an extremely practical way, this book tells us what it means to reflect God's glory in the details of daily life and in our relationships. Proverbs is full of deep truths that address some of the intricacies of life in this world, given to us by the One who Himself is the very embodiment of wisdom and truth. Proverbs covers a wide array of topics, from friendship, work, and speech to forgiveness and life's purpose. What a wonderful book to discuss and apply together, as we encourage one another to know the Lord and His wisdom more deeply in this new year! If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com.

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