

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 9, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 12:1-2

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. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

All: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Chorus:

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!

Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Chorus

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Galatians 5.22-23

Minister: Christian, what is the fruit of the Spirit?

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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 confess that we are a people who constantly turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules of your Word. Our minds are constantly filled with sinful thoughts and our hearts are often too attached to things that will rust, break, decay, and die. Father, be at work in us more and more. Give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. In the name of Jesus, 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Samuel Charles Bradshaw, III
Ruth Elise Woodruff

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 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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.

SERMON**The Consolation of Israel***Rev. David Rea***HYMN OF RESPONSE*****In Christ Alone***

GETTY AND TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all — here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid — here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death — this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home — here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

IMMANUEL

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls set free—death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel!

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*

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.

SERMON NOTES

Winter/Spring Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Book of Hebrews

In the church sanctuary; taught by David Rea

The first-century Jewish Christians of Hebrews were at a critical point. Many had been exposed to public ridicule, persecution, and imprisonment. Some had already abandoned their commitment to Christ, and others were in danger of compromising or giving up. The letter to the Hebrews brought profound encouragement and appeal: they must keep their eyes on Christ and remain anchored in the truth. Consider joining us to learn more about the Supremacy of Christ in all things and delve into a book many consider to be the greatest commentary ever written on how the Old Covenant relates to the New.

Heaven's Hall of Fame

In room #133; taught by Dave Clelland

Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Have you ever visited Heaven's Hall of Fame of Faith? Let's do that and see why the members there were commended by God and inducted into it. Join us as together we visit Heaven's Hall of Fame.

Young Adults Sunday School

In room #136; taught by Chris Bennett

We gather each week to be encouraged and shaped by the Bible so that, in light of the Gospel, we might live it out in our day to day lives. This is a Sunday School class for those in their 20's and early 30's, single or married. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

Youth Sunday School Classes

9th - 12th Grade Sunday School - The Glory of Christ

In the High School room; taught by Nate Libby

Paul, when writing to the church in Philippi, wrote, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." For Paul, there was no greater calling than to know Jesus Christ, and for all believers the same thing should be true of us. Our greatest longing should be to know Jesus better, to see his glory more clearly, and to serve him more faithfully. It is with that same desire in mind that we will be studying who Jesus is as he is revealed in both the Old and New Testament.

6th - 8th Grade Sunday School - God's Promises

In the Middle School room; taught by Leslie & Randy McCabe, Shannon & Brett Owens

This semester, grades 6-8 will explore Judges – 1 Kings. Students will reach many "aha moments" as they see God's faithfulness, trustworthiness, and grace despite his people's failings. They will be guided to understand that our triune God is a covenant God—the God who in the Person of Jesus bore the curse of the covenant so his people would receive the blessings of his promises.

Children's Sunday School Classes

A full slate of children's classes for infants, preschoolers and elementary-aged children will be offered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter/Spring Christian Education

Please see page six of the bulletin for information about our Sunday School classes and the bulletin insert for information about our Bible studies!

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 318.376.3345 by Monday, January 17. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

Small Group Opportunity

Colossians 2:7 Bible Study, "Growing Strong in God's Family": Noah "walked faithfully with God." (Genesis 6:9) What does it mean to walk faithfully with God? This series of classes includes instruction and encouragement through group interaction, in personal Bible Study, sharpening one's devotional life, scripture memory/meditation skills and becoming more effective in sharing our faith.

This study will be held at the home of Ken and Tammie Hargrove (3022 Cortez Ct. E., Irving TX 75062) and is open to young and old, men and women, couples or singles. There is a workbook fee of \$10. The spring session will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will start on January 12, 2022. Please call or text Ken at 972.849.3052 or Sally Smith at 603.770.9087 for more information and to RSVP.

Table Guild Volunteers

If you are a member of PPC and would like to serve on our table guild committee, we would love to have you! Please email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

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