

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MARCH 27, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*1 Peter 1.3-4*

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**All: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* | No. 4  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from Colossians 1.15-20*

Minister: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

**All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

**O God Beyond All Praising** | No. 660  
*Stanzas 1-2*

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from the Valley of Vision "Man of Nothing"*

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All: Gracious Father, when you would guide me, I control myself. When you would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I satisfy myself. When I should depend on your provision, I supply myself. When I should submit to your providence, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor and trust you, I serve myself. Convince me that I cannot be my own God, or give myself peace, nor my own Christ to restore my joy, nor my own Spirit to teach, guide and rule me. Good Lord, hear my prayer and forgive me of my sin for the sake of Christ Jesus. 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING\*

Mark 7.1-13

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“ ‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God) -- <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

SERMON

The Heart of the Matter

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

GETTY AND KENDRICK

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. *Chorus*

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*  
**There Is A Redeemer**

MELODY GREEN

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

*Chorus: Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Chorus*

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one. *Chorus*

*During 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\***

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

### **Mark 7.14-23**

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Good Friday Service***

Why is the time between Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection sometimes called Passion Week? The word "passion" in this case is derived from the Latin word "passio," which means "to endure or suffer." The purpose of the Good Friday service is to reflect upon the suffering of Jesus during these days, from Gethsemane to Golgotha. Please plan to attend this deeply moving service on Friday, April 15, at 5 p.m. Through Scripture reading, music, prayer, and the Lord's Supper, we will meditate on the depth of the Lord's sacrifice for our sins and prepare our hearts for the joy of His resurrection. (Childcare will be provided for children age 5 and under.)

### ***PPC Spring Picnic***

Please save the date and plan to join us on Sunday, May 15 immediately following worship for a spring picnic! Lunch will be provided by The Hamburger Man and Steel City Pops. This will be a fun opportunity to enjoy good food and great fellowship with all of our church family. More details to come!

### ***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 Sunday morning, May 15, 8-10 a.m. before worship. For more information and to sign up, email Allyson Crow at [office@providencedallas.com](mailto:office@providencedallas.com).

## PPC Week at a Glance - Week of March 27, 2022

### **Sunday, March 27, 9 a.m. - Sunday School**

Sunday School classes for all ages

### **Sunday, March 27, 7-8:30 p.m.**

High School Boys Bible Study

Led by Nate Libby ([nate.libby@providencedallas.com](mailto:nate.libby@providencedallas.com))

### **Monday, March 28, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Middle School Girls and Boys Bible Studies

Led by Nate Libby ([nate.libby@providencedallas.com](mailto:nate.libby@providencedallas.com))

### **Tuesday, March 29, 7 - 8:15 p.m.**

Young Adults Men's Study

Led by Chris Bennett ([chris.bennett@providencedallas.com](mailto:chris.bennett@providencedallas.com))

### **Wednesday, March 30, 7 a.m.**

Men's Bible Study - "True Community" by Jerry Bridges

Led by Ken Hargrove ([KHargrove@brwarch.com](mailto:KHargrove@brwarch.com))

### **Wednesday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. (with childcare)**

Women's Bible Study - Proverbs: The Way of Wisdom

Led by Alyson Averitt ([alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com))

### **Wednesday, March 30, 12 to 1 p.m.**

Men's Bible Study - The Exodus

Led by Nate Libby ([nate.libby@providencedallas.com](mailto:nate.libby@providencedallas.com))

### **Wednesday, March 30, 7 - 8 p.m.**

Women's Bible Study - Proverbs: The Way of Wisdom

Led by Alyson Averitt ([alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com))

### **Friday, April 1, 7 a.m.**

Men's Bible Study - Colossians and Philemon

Led by Graham Averitt, Michael Breed ([Michael.breed@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.breed@gmail.com)), Teddy Chu, Joshua Kipp

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***An Opportunity to Pray and to Provide Aid in Ukraine***

Mission to the World, our denomination's worldwide missions organization, has missionaries in Ukraine who are working with 15 Ukrainian partner churches to receive and support refugees. You can visit these two websites, [mtw.org/ukraine-crisis](http://mtw.org/ukraine-crisis) and <https://voice-of-ukraine.com/finances-and-donation/> to find out more about how you can specifically pray for them and how to donate in support of the efforts of these missionaries and churches.

### ***Moms of Preschoolers and Infants Dinner***

All moms of preschoolers and babies are invited to have dinner together on Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Mesero (Preston Hollow Village). If you have any questions or to RSVP, please email Alyson Averitt at [alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com).

### ***Moms of High School and College Students Dinner***

All moms of high school and college students are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship together on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Shirley Mechem. Please email Shirley at [samemechem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samemechem@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### ***WOW (Women of Wisdom) Lunch***

Please join us for lunch on Saturday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. at The Woodlands (6073 Forest Lane, Dallas 75230). RSVP to Cathy Parker at 214.536.0297. We hope to see you there! All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

### ***VBS Registration***

Providence is partnering with Park Cities Presbyterian Church and Mercy Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS will take place at PCPC from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, June 7 through Friday, June 10. Children (age 5 by September 1st through rising 4th graders) and volunteers (adult and youth) are invited to participate. There is also a nursery and pre-school program for volunteers' children. Priority registration starts Wednesday, March 30 for member adult volunteers and their children/youth only. Registration for children/youth of non-volunteering adults will be April 20. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Breed at [childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto:childrensministry@providencedallas.com).

*Cody McClarty, trumpet*

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Graham Averitt	Jeff Crow	Tom McCabe
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#### **Deacons**

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
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