PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 17, 2022

WELCOME

INTROIT

"Christians, Celebrate and Sing!"
PPC Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from 1 Corinthians 15.55-56

Minister: Christ has risen from the dead and become the first fruits of those who slept. Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O grave, is your victory?

All: The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today | No. 277

EASTER HYMN

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from 1 Corinthians 15

Minister: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received.

All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Minister: Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

All: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

SONG OF PRAISE

It Was Finished Upon that Cross

CITYALIGHT

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me. Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost. Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me. Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive. Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness. There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed! Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love. Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Saviour and my God. I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we succumb to doubt and fear, drawn to the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to know that we have been raised with Christ and forgiven from the penalty of sin, that we may enjoy the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the exalted and risen Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

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 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" -- and that he had said these things to her.

SERMON The Ark of the Covenant and the Empty Tomb

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

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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

O Breath of God

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place; Revive our hearts to know Your grace; And from our slumber make us rise That we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true, Renew our minds to trust in You; And give to us the bread of life That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained, Refresh our souls in Jesus' name. Let us reflect Your sacrifice That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit make us one. In holiness let us unite That we may know the Risen Christ.

During the cup

"And Can It Be" PPC Choir

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold, I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Thine Be the Glory | No. 274

MACCABAEUS

Stanzas 1-3

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won; Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love: Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 started on 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.

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, and they can accommodate toddlers and other children who might be struggling to stay quiet in the service. The nursing room, around the corner from the children's desk, has a changing station and privacy blinds. Room #136 is close to the sanctuary 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.

PPC Week at a Glance - Week of April 17, 2022

Sunday, April 17, 9 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday School classes for all ages

Monday, April 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Middle School Girls and Boys Bible Studies

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

Tuesday, April 19, 7 - 8:15 p.m. Young Adults Men's Study

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

Wednesday, April 20, 7 a.m.

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

Led by Ken Hargrove (KHargrove@brwarch.com)

Wednesday, April 20, 12 to 1 p.m.

Men's Bible Study - The Exodus

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

Friday, April 22, 7 a.m.

Men's Bible Study - Colossians and Philemon

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies

If you have a family member or a loved one who would enjoy receiving an Easter Lily today, please feel free to take one from the sanctuary as you leave!

Elementary Moms Fellowship

All moms of elementary students are invited for a night of fellowship on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the home of Tory Cardone. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com to RSVP.

WOW (Women of Wisdom) Dinner

Please join us for dinner on Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at Howard Wang's China Grill at 4343 Northwest Highway. RSVP to Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512 by May 9. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

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.

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!

Musicians:

Brady Carlson, Trumpet Katie Kelly, Trumpet Zach Rosenbaum, Horn Grant Futch, Trombone Jason Doherty, Tuba

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