

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 24:7-10*

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

**All: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - He is the King of glory.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | No. 457  
*Stanzas 1-3*

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from 1 Corinthians 1.21-25*

Minister: Christian, where is true wisdom to be found?

**All: For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Holy Spirit*

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

### **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. 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. 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.

#### **NEW MEMBER VOWS**

*Lady Fair and Jo Abaya*

*Micah Abaya*

*Nate Atkinson*

*Valerie and Andrew Craig (Jackson)*

*Lauren Foley*

*Carter Gardner*

*Rachel Gill*

*Sarah Hayes*

*Emily and Lee Longino*

*Amy and Kimber Olsen*

*Steve Schultz*

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Jackson Ryder Craig*

## 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\*      **1 Kings 22 & 2 Kings 1**

### **1 Kings 22.51-53**

<sup>51</sup> Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. <sup>52</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. <sup>53</sup> He served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger in every way that his father had done.

### **2 Kings 1.1-8**

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel. <sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." <sup>3</sup> But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' <sup>4</sup> Now therefore thus says the LORD, you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went.

<sup>5</sup> The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, "Why have you returned?" <sup>6</sup> And they said to him, "There came a man to meet us, and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the LORD, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore, you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?" <sup>8</sup> They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

## SERMON

### **Lord of the Flies**

*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.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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.*

**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.*

*Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.  
The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.*

### ***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*

*During the cup*  
***Instrumental***

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## CLOSING HYMN\*

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | No. 164  
*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

## 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.

## **2 Kings 1.9-18**

<sup>9</sup> Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" <sup>10</sup> But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

<sup>11</sup> Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" <sup>12</sup> But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

<sup>13</sup> Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him, "O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight." <sup>14</sup> Behold, fire came down from heaven and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties, but now let my life be precious in your sight." <sup>15</sup> Then the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king <sup>16</sup> and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron -- is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? -- therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" "

<sup>17</sup> So he died according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken. Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son. <sup>18</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

## FALL BIBLE STUDIES

### Women's Bible Studies

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND  
Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8 p.m.

**September 14 - November 16**

*Led by Alyson Averitt at PPC*

### Luke: Good News of Great Joy

This fall, we will be studying the book of Luke together, meditating on the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ. The more we know Him, the more we love and trust Him. Luke sets out to give us a very detailed account of this Savior whom he loves, the one who came to seek and save the lost. This is a wonderful opportunity for both fellowship and an in-depth and devotional study of what Luke records of the gospel, the very good news, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please email Alyson Averitt (alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com) to sign up.

### Young Adults Men's Study - The Ten Commandments

**Tuesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 6**

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

What place do the Ten Commandments now have in the Christian life? What do they mean? Why do they matter? Why should we obey them? In our fall study, we will be using Kevin DeYoung's book, "The 10 Commandments," to explore our joyful responsibility of knowing and obeying the Ten Commandments. It is my hope that by the end of the study we will have a better understanding of the God they reflect and a greater appreciation of the One in whom they have been fulfilled.

### Ephesians

**Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 14**

**\* Lunch is provided.**

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

In the book of Ephesians, Paul is instructing Christians to have a clearer grasp of who they are in relation to God, to themselves, to the church, and to unbelievers. In this study we will take a closer look at Paul's teaching for living out the Christian faith day to day and apply it to ourselves, so that we too "may walk in a manner that is worthy of the calling that we have received in Christ." Please email Nate if you plan to attend.

### Hosea

**Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 16**

*Led by Bobby Cardone, Teddy Chu and Christopher Norfleet*

Join us on Friday mornings for fellowship and Bible study. We will work through the book of Hosea, using the "Knowing the Bible" study series. Come and be encouraged as we study this book and occasionally, eat tacos together! Please contact Teddy Chu at teddychu822@yahoo.com if you have any questions and to be put on the email list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Celebration of Birth!*

We rejoice with Natalie and Graham Pocta as they welcome their daughter, Rosalyn Aria, born on August 2 and joyously welcomed into the Pocta family on September 2 to join siblings McAllister, Truitt, and Almarene!

### *WOW (Women of Wisdom) September Fellowship*

Please join us for dinner on Thursday, September 29 at Flower Child (5959 Royal Lane, at Preston and Royal). RSVP to Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

### *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](mailto:office@providencedallas.com). We would be happy to include you!

#### Musicians:

Marco Jerez, flute

Brent Buemi, clarinet

Gina Ford, oboe

Laura Bennett Cameron, bassoon

David Heyde, horn

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#### **Deacons**

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
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T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	