

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 63:1-3

Minister: O God, you are my God, and earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, I will give you praise and glory.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, 32.1

Minister: What is the hope of the Christian following death?

All: After death, the bodies of men decay and return to dust, but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal existence, return immediately to God, who gave them. The souls of the righteous are then made perfect in holiness and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory as they wait for the full redemption of their bodies.

SONG OF PRAISE

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

CITYALIGHT

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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 come before you as sheep who often wander far from you. You have set your love upon us, chosen us, and saved us, but we find it hard to trust you and prefer to turn to our own wisdom and understanding. You lead us in green pastures for your own name's sake, but we frequently reject your provision and insist on filling ourselves with things that cannot satisfy. Father, forgive us for straying from you and turning to our own sinful ways. Holy Spirit, help us to see the safety, protection, and blessing that comes with abiding in the fold of our Great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

NEW MEMBER VOWS

Courtney and Mason Anders
(Daphne, Helen, Mary Mason)
Leia and Chad Barros (Ruth)
Zoe Getchell (Owen, Adeline)
Aron Jang
Emily and Max McGuire (Chloe)

Nelson Salem
Fiona Schlorke
Maggie Shanahan
Grant Shurtz
Anne and Christopher Walton

COMMUNICANT VOWS

Alden Thomas

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Owen John Getchell
Adeline Melinda Getchell
Chloe Joy McGuire

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*

2 Kings 2.1-14

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

SERMON

Chariots of Fire

Rev. David Rea

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

COOK

Stanzas 1-3

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace;
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;
His face forever to behold.

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.*

During the bread

Be Still, My Soul | No. 689

INLANDIA

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend,
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CLOSING HYMN*

Take My Life and Let it Be | No. 585
Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

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.

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.

Youth Bible Studies

This semester, we are looking forward to various Bible studies and gatherings for both our middle school and our high school students! If you have youth (6th-12th grade) who would like to participate, and you would like to know more, please email Nate Libby at nate.libby@providencedallas.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW (Women of Wisdom) September Fellowship

Please join us for dinner on Thursday, September 29, at 6 p.m. 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. We would be happy to include you!

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.

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