

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Hebrews 4.14-16*

Minister: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.

**All: But we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Praise to Christ*

ENGELBERG

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,  
Yielding his glory in his love's design,  
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought;  
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how  
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,  
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from Colossians 1.13-18*

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ?

**All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And 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, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might hold first place.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

## 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 often respond sinfully to the trials and discomforts of our lives. Instead of turning to you in times of trouble, we often look to earthly things that falsely promise escape and comfort. We are frequently charmed by vain things: the possessions that we have or want; the temptation to worship our bodies, our abilities, and the approval of others. We thank you for Jesus, who took on our sin and looked perfectly to you in every single situation of his life, trusting you completely in all things. Lift our eyes afresh to the cross, from whence our help comes, the place where our lives were saved by Jesus' life and death. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away;  
behold, new things have come.

## 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 2.15-25

<sup>15</sup> Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup> And they said to him, "Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master. It may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send." <sup>17</sup> But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men. And for three days they sought him but did not find him. <sup>18</sup> And they came back to him while he was staying at Jericho, and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?"

<sup>19</sup> Now the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful." <sup>20</sup> He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup> Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." <sup>22</sup> So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

<sup>23</sup> He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" <sup>24</sup> And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. <sup>25</sup> From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

SERMON

The Kindness and Severity of God

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

*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.

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*  
**Jesus Is Mine**

MERKER, KAUFILIN AND GETTY

Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine.  
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.  
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place,  
Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.  
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.  
His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul,  
He will sustain my hope; Jesus is mine.

*Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,  
When all else fails, He still remains; Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine;  
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.  
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,  
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

*Refrain*

*Repeat Refrain*

*During the cup*  
**Instrumental**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** | No. 598  
*Stanzas 1-3*

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**BENEDICTION\***

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

SERMON NOTES

## 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

### **PPC Fall Picnic**

Please save the date and plan to join us on Sunday, October 30 immediately following worship for a church-wide fall picnic! Lunch will be provided by The Hamburger Man. 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 plan to join us for our next new members class. We will meet on Sunday morning, December 4, 8-10 a.m. before worship. For more information and to sign up, email Allyson Crow at [office@providencedallas.com](mailto:office@providencedallas.com).

### **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](mailto: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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#### **Ruling Elders**

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Michael Breed	Joshua Kipp	

#### **Deacons**

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
Teddy Chu	Casey Plummer	
T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	