

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

OCTOBER 16, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from Psalm 77.11-15*

Minister: I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you?

**All: You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from Romans 3.19-22*

Minister: Christian, what is the purpose of God's Law?

**All: Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

BOSWELL/PAPA

*Stanzas 1-3*

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!  
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

## 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: Father of mercy, though you have adopted us into your family and forgiven our sins, we confess that we continue to rebel against you in thought, word, and deed. We struggle with pride and love to exalt ourselves and enjoy the praise and admiration of those around us. Like the unmerciful servant, we are grateful for your kindness to us, yet we often find it difficult to extend that same mercy and kindness to others. Forgive us, we pray, for our countless expressions of self-worship. Teach us to walk in humble dependence upon you, and may Jesus Christ be exalted in our minds and hearts. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21*

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

## 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.*

<sup>38</sup> And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a famine in the land. And as the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Set on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

<sup>39</sup> One of them went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. <sup>40</sup> And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

<sup>41</sup> He said, "Then bring flour." And he threw it into the pot and said, "Pour some out for the men, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat."

<sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"

<sup>44</sup> So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

## SERMON

## An Old Testament Preview

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*

## 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*

**Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)**

KAUFLIN/MERKER

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;  
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.  
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;  
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!  
Oh how deep is His love;  
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?  
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.  
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;  
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

*Chorus*

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?  
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.  
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;  
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.  
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

*Chorus*

*Repeat Chorus*

*During the cup*  
**Instrumental**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!***

HYFRYDOL

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.  
He has granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

*Chorus*

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

*Chorus*

**BENEDICTION\***

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

## 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 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.

### **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) October Fellowship**

It's time to enjoy fall flowers and pumpkins! All WOW ladies (60ish and up) are invited for a fun day at the Dallas Arboretum on Friday, October 28. (Entrance fees will be complimentary.) We will meet at Gate 1 at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy the gardens, and we will also have lunch at the DeGolyer House at 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Pam Franklin at 214.628.8863 by October 21. If you would like to meet at the church to carpool, please let Pam know when you respond.

### **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!

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#### **Ruling Elders**

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#### **Deacons**

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