

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 111.1-2; 7-10*

Minister: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

**All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* | No. 296  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 6*

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from Revelation 19*

Minister: Christian, what is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?

**All: Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints. Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* | No. 469  
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

ST. COLUMBA

How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing your redeeming grace.

## 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 to you that we are people who often run toward sin instead of running away from it. We fix our eyes on our own desires and pursue them vigorously with little thought of the danger to our souls. Father, forgive us. Cause us to rest in the perfect goodness of Jesus Christ as our only hope, and grant us growing obedience that springs from deep gratitude for all you have done for us. May we hear the words, “no condemnation,” and know in our hearts that we have been freed from the bondage of sin, that our chains are gone, and that our hearts are free to worship you forever. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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.

## 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 6.8-17

<sup>8</sup> Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." <sup>9</sup> But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." <sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

<sup>11</sup> And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup> And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup> So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup> He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup> Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

## SERMON

## Eyes That See

*Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### **O Church, Arise**

GETTY AND TOWNEND

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

## 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*

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

O WALY WALY

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*During the cup*

***Instrumental***

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING 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!

**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 6.18-23

<sup>18</sup> And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. <sup>19</sup> And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

<sup>20</sup> As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. <sup>21</sup> As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" <sup>22</sup> He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." <sup>23</sup> So he prepared for them a great feast, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Church Offering***

We have two white offering boxes in the lobby outside the sanctuary, one on each of the gray tables. Our hope is that these boxes will provide a place for you and your family to thoughtfully, cheerfully and discreetly bring your offerings to worship on Sunday mornings. If you have been giving online through our church's website or mailing a check to the office, please feel free to continue doing so if that is your preference.

### ***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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *In Loving Memory*

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Meredith Geldmeier, in the loss of her father, Warren Neal Geldmeier. We pray that she would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

### *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).

### *Calling Singers of All Ages!*

There are opportunities for you to participate in our upcoming Christmas Eve service! Both the adult choir and one or more children's choirs will begin rehearsals soon. No prior experience is necessary - only a love for singing and a willingness to participate. Please contact Jill ([jillnjonathan1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jillnjonathan1@sbcglobal.net)) or Jonathan ([jsmith@cplalaw.com](mailto:jsmith@cplalaw.com)) for more information.

### *Christmas Eve Service*

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4 p.m. Childcare will not be provided as this is a family service.

### *Worship on Christmas Morning*

Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year! Our worship service will be a little later that morning, beginning at 11 a.m. Childcare will be provided for infants through preschoolers, but there will not be a lesson during the sermon for kindergarteners through third graders.

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#### **Ruling Elders**

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| Wes Boyd       | John Heath  |            |
| Michael Breed  | Joshua Kipp |            |

#### **Deacons**

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| Teddy Chu    | Casey Plummer    |              |
| T.J. Edwards | Will Schoellkopf |              |