

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Isaiah 40.1-5*

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

**All: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful** | No. 208  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 4*

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of angels;

*Chorus:*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, in the highest; *Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; *Chorus*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from Genesis 49.8-12*

Minister: "Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you.

**All: You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him?**

Minister: The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

**All: He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*What Child is This* | No. 213

GREENSLEEVES

*Stanzas 1-3*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

### 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 a covenant-keeping God, but we are not a covenant-keeping people. Though you have always been faithful to us, we are not always faithful to you. We sin many times each day in our thoughts and with our words and actions. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for Jesus, who was faithful in all things, keeping the covenant on our behalf. Cause us to see Him as the one great treasure that we seek above all else and enable us to persevere until that wonderful day when we bask in the light of His presence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:  
For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

### 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\*

#### **Genesis 2.8-9**

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

SCRIPTURE READING (CONT.) *Genesis 3.1-15*

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

SERMON

**A Tale of Two Trees**

*Rev. Dave Clelland*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** | No. 194  
*Stanzas 1, 3 and 5*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave. *Chorus*

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Chorus*

## 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*

#### **Lamb of God**

T. Paris

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King, they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus: Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Chorus*

*During the cup*

#### **Instrumental**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### CLOSING HYMN\*

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** | No. 196  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

#### BENEDICTION\*

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

**Hebrews 9.27**

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

**Revelation 22.1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

**SERMON OUTLINE**

Lead Question: Is there one answer for our twofold problem?

- I. The first tree came with a warning.
  - A. The warning commanded obedience.
  - B. The devil is always ready to tempt us to disobey.
  - C. Our first parents' disobedience brought death.
  - D. We seldom give God's warnings the gravity they are due.
- II. Access to the second tree would require death for life.
  - A. Only a divine sacrifice would do.
  - B. God acted not for our need but for His glory.
  - C. His action would quench the flames and open the way.
  - D. The Second tree comes with a command.

Answer: The Christ of Christmas is the tree of life.

Conclusion: Obey the command and live.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***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.

### ***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

### *Sunday School Break*

Today will be our last day for Sunday School classes this semester. We will take a break for the Christmas season, and classes will resume in early January.

### *PPC 60ish Community Christmas Party*

Please join us on Saturday, December 3, at 7 p.m. at the home of Amy and Kimber Olsen (4414 Bluffview Blvd., Dallas 75209). Come and go! Please reply to Amy at 940.465.6886 by November 26 if you plan to attend. All who are 60ish + are welcome!

### *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).

### *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.

*Hannah Clarke, piano*

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