

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 8, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Romans 11.33, 36

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

All: For from him and through him and for him are all things. And to him be the glory forever! Amen!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come Thou Almighty King | No. 101

TRINITY

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Matthew 28

Minister: Christian, what is the Great Commission?

All: Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

SONG OF PRAISE

The King in All His Beauty

PAPA/BOSWELL

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Refrain

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

Refrain Repeat Refrain

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, this morning we confess to you that we are not poor in spirit. Rather, we are proud and self-reliant. We do not properly mourn over our sin. Instead, we hide and excuse it, while judging others for their sin. We are not a meek people, but eager to defend our own rights and reputations, while caring too little for your good name and the name of others. Lord God, we confess that we deserve your condemnation for all these things. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you and praise you for Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who lived and died that we would know the blessings of true forgiveness. 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.

¹⁴ And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ The brothers and sisters there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged. ¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

¹⁷ Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸ They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. ¹⁹ The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people. ²⁰ For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

²¹ They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. ²² But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect.”

²³ They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. ²⁵ They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ “ ‘Go to this people and say,
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

²⁷ For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’

²⁸ “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

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

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

GETTY AND TOWNEND

The perfect wisdom of our God, Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand, And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas, The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way, And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways, That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross, That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise, And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above, To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power | No. 300
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise-
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

BENEDICTION*

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

Winter/Spring Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Classes

Basics of the Reformed Faith

In the Sanctuary, taught by David Rea

After nearly 400 years of service, the Westminster Confession of Faith continues to provide Reformed and Presbyterian churches worldwide a vibrant summary of Scripture's principal teachings. But how has this document, drawn from a strikingly different age, remained equally relevant to today's church? In exploring this question, we will consider our Reformed heritage via some of the essential elements of the Confession whereby the 17th-century Reformed church can be seen as standing arm in arm with the 21st-century church and beyond.

30's and 40's Class: "Take Heart"

In room #136; taught by Robby Rucker

It's easy to lose heart in a world where many things can and do go wrong. Life is difficult and there are struggles within and without, but we can take heart - the Lord is with us. He hears our cries for mercy. He knows our every need. He guides us, helps us, and strengthens us with his mighty right arm. This spring, we will journey with David Powlison, learning to "take heart" by meditating on various Scripture passages, hymns, and biblical themes, exploring the ways God meets us with daily grace right where we live. Together, we will endeavor to grow in our devotional life and love for the Lord as we begin anew in 2023.

Young Adults Sunday School: The Gospel According to the Old Testament

In room #135; taught by Chris Bennett

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets... interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." According to Jesus, the whole Old Testament - the explicit prophecies of the Messiah, the events, characters, and circumstances - all pointed to Himself. Through the Old Testament, God was telling a larger, overarching, unified story. In the person of Christ, God provides its climax.

Youth Sunday School Classes

9th - 12th Grade Sunday School: The Gospel of John

In the High School room; taught by Nate Libby

This spring, our high school Sunday school class will be studying the Gospel of John. Here we will see how Jesus alone is the one who is called the Bread of Life, the Living Water, the Good Shepherd, the Messiah, the Way to God, the Word of God, and more. As we consider these titles used by John and other accounts from the life of Jesus, we will grow in our understanding of how he is God Incarnate come to save us!

6th - 8th Grade Sunday School: God's Promises Fulfilled

In the Middle School room; taught by Leslie & Randy McCabe, Shannon & Brett Owens

This semester, grades 6-8 will explore Matthew. From the very first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the students will see his purpose. God kept his promises to send the Savior, Jesus who is the promised One, the longed-for Messiah, and God with us. The students will study Matthew in light of the fulfillment of covenant promises.

Children's Sunday School Classes

A full slate of children's classes for infants, preschoolers and elementary-aged children will be offered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter/Spring Christian Education

Please see page six of the bulletin for information about our Sunday School classes and the bulletin insert for information about our Bible studies!

WOW (Women of Wisdom) January Fellowship

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a casual coffee on Saturday, January 21 at 10 a.m. at the home of Jo Cooper (4024 Centenary 75225). All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend. RSVP to Jo at 214.934.0421 by January 18. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

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.

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