

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 15, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 27.4-5, 7-8

Minister: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken | No. 345
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 103

Minister: How does God respond to those who trust in Jesus Christ?

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

SONG OF PRAISE

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

GETTY AND KENDRICK

(Please see insert for sheet music.)

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus 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*

Colossians 1.1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing -- as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SERMON

Fully Qualified

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Power of the Cross

GETTY & TOWNEND

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the 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

He Will Hold Me Fast

MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Chorus

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past | No. 30
Stanzas 1, 4 and 7

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

CLOSING HYMN* (CONT.)

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

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.

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.

Rob Mowrey, viola

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