

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 22, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

1 Chronicles 29:10-11, 13

Minister: Praise be to you, O LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. And now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Authority and Power | No. 453
Stanzas 1, 2, 4

NEANDER

All authority and power, ev'ry status and domain,
Now belongs to him who suffered our redemption to obtain;
Angels, demons, kings and rulers, over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship, ev'ry tongue shall call him Lord;
How are men to call upon him if his name they have not heard?
Therefore go and make disciples, preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days,
With his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONG OF PRAISE

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."

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 have sent Christ as our faithful shepherd who walks beside us in green pastures and through the valley of deep shadow. You have promised to pursue us with goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Yet we confess that we often doubt your compassion and care for us. Instead of trusting you to care for our needs through Christ, we sinfully look elsewhere. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us, in every situation, to find our refuge in you, Our compassionate Good Shepherd. 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*

Colossians 1.15-23

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

SERMON

Our Only Hope in Life and Death

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
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

CITYALIGHT

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 295
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

SERMON NOTES

Winter/Spring Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND

Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning on January 18

Taught by Alyson Averitt (alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com)

Exodus: The Great I AM

The redemption of God's people from slavery and their deliverance into the land of milk and honey is a picture of our own redemption in Christ and deliverance to glory. It is a story of finding hope in the midst of hopelessness and forgiveness for a sinful people. It is a picture of the living God who is high and holy, and who loves his people with an everlasting love. Through studying chapters 1-18 of this book, we will discuss what it means to trust God in difficulty and how his continued faithfulness encourages us to persevere in our own life journeys. Please email Alyson Averitt if you have any questions or to sign up.

Young Adult Men's Study - Joshua: Unfailing Promises

Tuesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on January 17

Taught by Chris Bennett (chris.bennett@providencedallas.com)

Well over five hundred years before the recorded events of Joshua, God pledged to Abraham that, "To your offspring I will give this land" (Gen 12:7). The land to which he referred was the land of Canaan and it's this promise of land that is picked up in the opening verses of Joshua. As time passes and anticipation builds, God's people are left to wonder whether God's word still stands. The book of Joshua gives us the answer and the answer is just as relevant now as it was then.

Men's Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. at PPC beginning on January 18

*** Lunch is provided.**

Taught by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

The book of Acts is a brief history of the roots of the first three decades for the early church. As one scholar puts it, "Beginning with the ascension of Jesus and ending with Paul in Rome under house arrest this book highlights many miraculous and "exciting" events, including healings, speaking in tongues, prison breaks, mass conversions, martyrdom, riots, persecutions, shipwrecks, and appearances before high officials. Behind and orchestrating all these events is the triune God who is "gathering and perfecting" the church." Please confirm your attendance each week with Nate for a headcount for lunch.

Men's Study: The Epistles of Peter and Jude

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on January 13

Led by Teddy Chu, Christopher Norfleet and Bobby Cardone

Join us on Friday mornings for fellowship and Bible study. We will work through the books of First and Second Peter and Jude, using the "Knowing the Bible" study series. Come and be encouraged as we study these books and occasionally, eat tacos together! Please contact Bobby Cardone at robertjcardone@gmail.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

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Eileen Resnik in the loss of her mother, Eunice Curry.

We also extend our heartfelt condolences to Courtney and Nate Libby, as well as Elizabeth and Owen, in the loss of Courtney's grandmother, Karen Marie Dorow.

We pray for both of these families, that they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

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!

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.

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