

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 29, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 90

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! | No. 100
Stanzas 1-3

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from 1 Corinthians 15.17-18

Minister: If Christ has not been raised, what are the consequences?

All: If Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile; we are still in our sins. Then those also who have died in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

CITYALIGHT

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing. I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted. Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,
For there my heart has found its treasure. Christ is mine forevermore.

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 come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We sinfully fret and worry about so many things: our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many others as well. Often, we doubt your willingness to care for us, and sometimes we even doubt your very existence. Father, forgive our unbelief. We thank you for Jesus who persevered and perfectly trusted you through many trials and great difficulty because of the joy that was set before him. Father, help us to believe that because of Christ, you will never leave or forsake us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

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 1.24-2.5

1 ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

2 ¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

SERMON

Mystery & Maturity

Rev. Chris Bennett

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Show Us Christ

KAUFLIN AND PLANK

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth.

*Chorus: Show us Christ, show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word, Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today.

Chorus

Repeat 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
It Was Finished Upon that Cross

CITYALIGHT

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Saviour and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross.

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | No. 521
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

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

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

WOW (Women of Wisdom) February Fellowship

We hope you can join us for lunch on Wednesday, February 22 at 11:45 a.m. at Princi Italia (5959 Royal Lane, Dallas 75230). Please reply to Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512 by February 19. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

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.

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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