

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Matthew 11.28-30

Minister: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

All: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | No. 76
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading adapted from Romans 8.18-24

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved.

SONG OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: **Our gracious heavenly Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our envy of those who have more than we have, and our resentment of your wise and gracious Providence. Father, by your Spirit, change our hearts that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

NEW MEMBER VOWS

Britni Fischbach
Stephanie Green
Beth and John Jendricks

Tata and Jon King
Trenny and Joseph Steuert
(Schuyler, Palmer and Miller)

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 4.7-18

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷ Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. (NIV)

SERMON

Faithful in Ministry

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

His Mercy is More

Boswell, Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *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

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

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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*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | No. 598

CWM RHONDDA

Stanzas 1-3

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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.

Special Announcement for Families with Young Children

We love our young families, and we praise God for each and every family that He has brought to our church. We are also so thankful for all of the children in our congregation. Each one of them is dearly loved, deeply valued and warmly welcomed at PPC on Sunday mornings. Lord's Day Worship is the best part of our week as God's people, and we want for everyone who attends to be able to hear clearly and reflect upon God's Word preached each Sunday morning. If your children struggle to stay quiet during the service, we would love for you to please consider one of the two options that we have for families with young children. We have childcare available each week for infants through preschoolers. Each classroom is staffed with childcare workers and/or PPC members who will take wonderful care of your children as well as provide a great Bible lesson and fun activities for them. We also have an overflow room (Room #136 is close to the sanctuary and is in the same hallway as the church offices.) which is fully equipped with a streaming television and volume control that allows for the service to be seen and heard perfectly. We strongly and lovingly encourage you to take advantage of these options as a way to graciously allow all of our congregation to enjoy and fully engage in our worship service. We sincerely thank you for your understanding and for thoughtfully considering this request.

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.

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

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

* 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

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

New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please save the date and plan to join us for our next new members class. We will meet on Sunday, May 21, 8-10 a.m. before worship. For more information and to sign up, email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com.

2023 Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

Providence is partnering with Park Cities Presbyterian Church and Mercy Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS will take place at PCPC from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, June 6 through Friday, June 9. Children (age 5 by September 1st through rising 4th graders) and volunteers (middle school, high school and adult) are invited to participate. There is also a nursery and pre-school program for volunteers' children. More details about registration will be coming soon. For questions, please contact Kristi Breed (childrensministry@providencedallas.com).

WOW (Women of Wisdom) March Fellowship

We hope you can join us for lunch on Wednesday, March 22 at 11:45 a.m. at Escondido (5950 Royal Lane). Please reply to Elaine Roumillat at 214.649.1860 by Sunday, March 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!

Yesenia Campos, violin

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