

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 19, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 115

Minister: Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, "Where is the God of Israel?" The idols of the nations are merely silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

All: They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. O house of Israel, trust in the LORD – He is your help and shield.

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 Philippians 2.6-11

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: [The Lord Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death -- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SONG OF PRAISE

Across the Lands

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You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry;
With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free! *Chorus*

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home! *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

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*

Philippians 2-3

2 ²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

3 ¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh -- ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

SERMON

Misplaced Confidence

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

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Lift High the Cross | No. 263
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

CRUCIFER

*Chorus: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Chorus*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Chorus*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Chorus*

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.

SERMON NOTES

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.

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.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Birth!

We rejoice with Leia and Chad Barros, as well as big sister Ruth, as they welcome their son and brother, Theodore “Theo” Paul Barros, born on March 10!

Sunday School Classes Resume Next Week!

All Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, March 26, at 9 a.m.

30s and 40s Sunday School Class Fellowship

Please save the date for the 30s/40s Sunday school class fellowship dinner! Join us for fellowship and fajitas on April 15 at 6 p.m. at the home of the Plummers. Please email Tory Cardone to RSVP (tory.cardone@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!

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. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend!

Good Friday Service

Why is the time between Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection sometimes called Passion Week? The word “passion” in this case is derived from the Latin word “passio,” which means “to endure or suffer.” The purpose of the Good Friday service is to reflect upon the suffering of Jesus during these days, from Gethsemane to Golgotha. Please plan to attend this deeply moving service on Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. Through Scripture reading, music, prayer, and the Lord’s Supper, we will meditate on the depth of the Lord’s sacrifice for our sins and prepare our hearts for the joy of His resurrection. (Childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under.)

Rob Mowrey, viola

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