

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 26, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 118.19-24

Minister: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

All: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125
Stanzas 1-2

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Psalm 139

Minister: Christian, to what extent does God know His people?

All: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

SONG OF PRAISE

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

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: O God from whom all blessings flow, we have sinned countless times just this week and have repeatedly been guilty of searching for blessings in this world apart from you. Instead of delighting in the wisdom of your Son, we have chosen instead to be counseled by the godless wisdom of our culture. O God, our hearts are wild and unruly, and we confess the perversity that governs our souls day after day. Forgive us, we pray. Help us by the power of your Spirit to bear the fruit of joy and growing obedience as we meditate on the richness of your blessings to us in Christ, in whom fearful sinners are dearly loved and crowned with a glory that they could never earn. 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*

Philippians 4.1-13

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me -- practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

SERMON

Through Him Who Strengthens Me

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Jesus is Lord

Getty, Townend

“Jesus is Lord!”—the cry that echoes through creation:
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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

In the Darkness God Will Keep Me

Buchanan, Robinson, Thompson

In the darkness God will keep me.
He will stay and never sleep.
In the darkness God is brighter,
Though the night is long and deep.

*Chorus: All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven, by my side.
Thank You, Father, for Your goodness.
You will hold me through the night.*

In the shadows You are with me,
And You know my every fear.
In the shadows none can harm me
For the mighty King is here. *Chorus*

So I find my rest in Jesus,
He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness;
I will rise to life with Him. *Chorus*

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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!

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.)

WOW (Women of Wisdom) April Fellowship

Please join us for a game night on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Olsen (4414 Bluffview Blvd., Dallas 75209). We will be playing Bunco - it is really fun, and no prior experience is required! Please text Amy at 940.465.6886 by April 9 to RSVP. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

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.

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