

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 5, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 4:14–16

Minister: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

All: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | No. 53

LOBE DEN HERREN

Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from 1 Corinthians 2

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him."

SONG OF PRAISE

Before the Throne of God

Bancroft, Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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 thank you for the Holy Spirit who convicts our hearts and exposes the truth about our thoughts and intentions. His ministry uncovers our self-righteousness and self-centeredness, as well as the secret sins that we hide so successfully from one another. We confess that we are a people who frequently harbor evil thoughts in our hearts and even our best deeds are often deeply stained by wrong motives. Forgive us, we pray. We ask that your Spirit enable us more and more to live like Jesus, our great High Priest, who loves us and gave himself for us. Remind us of the hope of the Gospel: that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. In His matchless name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

NEW MEMBER VOWS

<i>Haven Burgoon</i>	<i>Mary Peters</i>
<i>Charles Cooper</i>	<i>Matt Rimann</i>
<i>Erin and Jeff Fischer (Mikey)</i>	<i>Paula Walker</i>

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 1.1-18

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

SERMON

An Ancient Thank You Note

Rev. Nate Libby

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace;
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;
His face forever to behold.

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

O Great God

Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING 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.

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.

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

Sunday School Break

We will break from Sunday School the next two Sundays, March 12 and 19. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 26.

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!

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