

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 16, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 100

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*

To God Be the Glory | No. 55
Stanzas 1-3

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *Chorus*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Chorus*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

1 John 4.9-10

Minister: Christian, how do you know the love of God?

All: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

SONG OF PRAISE

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

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: Merciful Father, we confess to you this morning our lack of faith. Like Thomas, we often live in doubt that Jesus was raised from the dead, evidenced by our selfish and self-centered lives. We acknowledge that we often live as though Christ never left the tomb. Forgive us, we pray. Holy Spirit, help us to be children who live by faith, and not by sight. Strengthen us to become people who trust in you regardless of our circumstances. We ask this for our good and your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Theodore Paul Barros

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*

John 20.24-31

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Dealing with Doubt

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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*

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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place | No. 469

ST. COLUMBA

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | No. 521

SOLID ROCK

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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: 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Birth!

We rejoice with Autumn and Bradford Patterson, as well as big sister Eden, as they welcome their daughter and sister, Eliana Joy, born on April 6!

WOW (Women of Wisdom) May Fellowship

Please join us for a fun morning at the Arboretum on Friday, May 5! We will meet at the Arboretum at the Main Gate at 10:30 a.m. We will also have lunch at noon at the DeGolyer House. Entrance fees to the Arboretum will be covered. RSVP to Pam Franklin at 214.628.8863 by May 1. All ladies 55ish 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.

Way Back Wednesdays - Summer Evening Studies

Way Back Wednesdays will be back this summer! We hope you will save the dates and plan to join us this summer on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8 p.m., for dinner and Bible study. The dates will be June 21, June 28, July 12 and July 19. We will have a Bible study for adult men and women on the book of Ruth, as well as Bible studies and activities for our youth students and elementary students (rising Kindergarten - 5th grades). More details and a link to RSVP for dinner will be coming as we get closer!

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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