

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 30, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 22:22b, 97:12, 145:1,3

Minister: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise You. Rejoice in the Lord,
O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

All: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and
ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

I Sing the Almighty Power of God | No. 119
Stanzas 1-3

FOREST GREEN

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Ephesians 1.20-23

Minister: Christian, how has God assured you that His church – in all ages – will
continue to thrive and grow?

All: God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion,
and every name, not only in the present age but also in the one to
come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be
head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills everything in every way.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age; 'Our God is all in all'.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and quick to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, and my sullied conscience. I am blind while your grace shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and help me to repent of my unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, and gaze on thee. Enable me, by your Spirit, to grow in grace so that there may be more fervor in my devotion and more constancy in my zeal. 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.

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*

Acts 1.1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

SERMON

The Big Picture

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

O Church, Arise

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O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

CityAlight

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | No. 38

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth 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.

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: What part does the Risen Christ have for you in the big picture?

I. Jesus ascending

- A. To rule as king for His people
- B. To minister as their high priest

II. The Holy Spirit will be descending

- A. To empower the church
- B. To mobilize the gospel

III. The church is going out

- A. With personal duties
- B. With a global agenda

IV. Jesus is returning

- A. With power and glory
- B. To consummate His kingdom

Answer: In the big picture, He wants you to be His witness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Special Sunday School Class - May 7

Our last day for Spring Sunday School classes will be on May 7. On that Sunday, we will combine all of the adult classes, as well as our high school students, and meet in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. (All children's classes and middle school youth will meet as usual.) Over the past several months, our deacons have been working hard and diligently to put together an emergency action/safety plan for our church. On May 7, they will present it to us and go over all of our safety plans and procedures. We strongly encourage everyone 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.

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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