

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MAY 14, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*1 Chronicles 29:10-11, 13*

Minister: Praise be to you, O LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. And now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*O Worship the King* | No. 2  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

LYONS

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Ephesians 2:1-8*

Minister: Christian, how has God made known His love for you?

**All: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

## 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 Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All: Father of mercy, though you have adopted us into your family and forgiven our sins, we confess that we continue to rebel against you in thought, word, and deed. We struggle with pride and love to exalt ourselves and enjoy the praise and admiration of those around us. Like the unmerciful servant, we are grateful for your kindness to us, yet we often find it difficult to extend that same mercy and kindness to others. Forgive us for our countless expressions of self-worship. Teach us to walk in humble dependence upon you, and may Jesus Christ be exalted in our minds and hearts. 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\*

*Revelation 2.1-11*

<sup>1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup> “ ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

<sup>8</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup> “ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

SERMON

**Never Lose Your First Love**

*Rev. Nate Libby*

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***Christ Is Mine Forevermore***

*CityAlight*

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing. I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted. Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,  
For there my heart has found its treasure. Christ is mine forevermore.

## 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***

CityAlight

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\*

#### ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!***

HYFRYDOL

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find.  
He has granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. *Chorus*

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Chorus*

### BENEDICTION\*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

## SERMON NOTES

## 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). Child care will be provided for infants and preschoolers by reservation. More details and a link to RSVP for dinner and child care 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](mailto:office@providencedallas.com). We would be happy to include you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *New Members Class*

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please 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](mailto:office@providencedallas.com).

### *PPC Women's Taco Truck Fellowship*

All PPC women are invited for a taco truck fellowship on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Sibley (5225 Preston Haven Drive). We hope you can join us for a fun evening of tacos and fellowship! You can RSVP to Alyson Averitt at [alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com](mailto:alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com).

### *Swim Party for Families of Infants, Preschoolers and Elementary Age Children*

Save the Date for a Kickoff to Summer Swim Party on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Spring Creek Pool (7817 Belt Line Road, Dallas 75254). All families of infants, preschoolers and elementary age children are invited. There will be a lifeguard on duty. Lunch and ice cream bars will be provided, and additional snacks and treats can be purchased there for \$1. We hope you can join us for this fun opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other families at PPC! If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at [childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto:childrensministry@providencedallas.com).

### *Summer Friday Morning Park Playdates!*

Calling all moms of babies and preschoolers! Join us this summer on Friday mornings in June and July for park playdates! We will meet at different parks throughout the summer to fellowship and play. Older siblings are welcome, too! Please email Kristi Breed ([childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto:childrensministry@providencedallas.com)) if you would like to receive emails each week with the details of where to meet up!

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