

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 21, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Jeremiah 29:11-13

Minister: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

All: Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain Praising You eternally.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from Proverbs 2.1-6

Minister: My child, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

All: Turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,

Minister: And if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

All: Then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Boswell, Papa

Stanzas 1-3

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

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, you rule with power and wisdom over the entire universe; you are the fountain of all goodness. And yet we confess that often we are a people who sinfully trust in our own wisdom and strength. We are a people who frequently live in this world as if it is the only one you will provide. Forgive us, we pray. Holy Spirit, comfort us in our weakness by showing us Christ. Make it our chief pleasure to study him, gaze at him, delight in him, and trust in his wisdom. 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*

Revelation 3.7-22

⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ “ ‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie -- behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵ “ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

SERMON

Listen Up

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Ancient of Days

CityAlight

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all,
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Chorus: None above Him, none before Him; All of time in His hands,
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O His love is sure and He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days. *Chorus*

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King,
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days. *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

See the Destined Day Arise

Merker

See the destined day arise! See a willing sacrifice!
Jesus, to redeem our loss, hangs upon the shameful cross.
Jesus, who but You could bear wrath so great and justice fair?
Every pang and bitter throe, finishing Your life of woe!

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name!*

Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us, the water flowed, mingled from Your side with blood;
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice. *Chorus*

Holy Jesus, grant us grace in that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed, pardoned sin, and promised good.
Grant us grace to sing Your praise 'round Your throne through endless days,
Ever with the sons of light: "blessing, honor, glory, might!" *Chorus*

*During the cup
Instrumental*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

How Firm a Foundation | No. 94
Stanzas 1, 2, and 6

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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!

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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.

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.

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) if you would like to receive emails each week with the details of where to meet up.

Chris Stubblefield, trumpet

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