

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 111.1-2; 7-10*

Minister: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**All:** Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* | No. 296  
*Stanzas 1, 3, and 6*

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

*responsive reading adapted from 1 Peter 2.4-6*

Minister: Come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him.

**All:** Because we also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Come, People of the Risen King*

Getty, Townsend

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 Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are a people who consistently turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules of your Word. Our minds and our mouths are filled with sinful thoughts and words. Our hearts are too attached to things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of being devoted to the one who loved us and gave himself for us. Father, more and more, give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

### COMMUNICANT VOWS

*Warner Stone*

### 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 1.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

SERMON

**The Revelation**

*Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

*Getty, Papa*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing Hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain Repeat Refrain*

## 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*

#### **Jesus, Strong and Kind**

CityAlight

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus - Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him.   *Chorus*

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.   *Chorus*

*During the cup  
Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### CLOSING HYMN\*

#### **All Praise to Christ**

ENGELBERG

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,  
Yielding his glory in his love's design,  
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought;  
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how  
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,  
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

### 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.

### ***Revelation 1.12-20***

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## SERMON NOTES

## 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).

### *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).

### *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](mailto:office@providencedallas.com). We would be happy to include you!

*Yesenia Campos, violin*

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