

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JUNE 18, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 63.1-4

Minister: You, God, are my God, and earnestly I seek you. I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Authority and Power | No. 453
Stanzas 1, 2, 4

NEANDER

All authority and power, ev'ry status and domain,
Now belongs to him who suffered our redemption to obtain;
Angels, demons, kings and rulers, over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship, ev'ry tongue shall call him Lord;
How are men to call upon him if his name they have not heard?
Therefore go and make disciples, preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days,
With his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from John 10

Minister: Christian, how does The Shepherd care for his sheep?

All: “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

SONG OF PRAISE

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Kauflin, Merker, Getty and Townend

Out of the depths I cry to You,
In darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on your Word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone.
Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
By Christ's emerging from the grave. *Chorus*

Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today,
Find healing in His sacrifice. *Chorus*

Final chorus:

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

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 come to you today as people who often prefer to govern our own lives rather than submit to your rule and shepherding. We frequently treat you as a servant who exists to meet all our felt needs and we run toward the false and dangerous hopes of our sinful desires and idolatries. Forgive us, we pray! Cause us to know and feel your great love for us in Christ Jesus so that we are transformed more and more into a people who trust in you regardless of the circumstance. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

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.

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

SERMON

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Jesus is Lord

Getty, Townend

“Jesus is Lord!”—the cry that echoes through creation:
 Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our rock.
 The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
 Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
 Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
 Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
 Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
 As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
 Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory,
 The Judge of all will take His children home.

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

Power of the Cross

Getty, Townsend

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

During the cup

Brighton Smith and Jenna Smith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | No. 598
Stanzas 1-3

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

CLOSING HYMN* (CONT.)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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 7.13-17

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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). Childcare will be provided for infants and preschoolers by reservation. We would love to have a headcount for dinner, as well as for childcare, for the first two meetings. To RSVP for the studies on June 21 and June 28, you can 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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