

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JUNE 4, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 33

Minister: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Sing to him a new song and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

All: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; by a mere word from his mouth all the stars in the sky were created. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world stand in awe of Him!

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

responsive reading adapted from Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace

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God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:
Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 5.1-14

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

SERMON

Worthy is the Lamb

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all — here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid — here in the death of Christ I live.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death — this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home — here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie,
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by,
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

*During the cup
Instrumental*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above | No. 4
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5 (alt)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

We, who confess Christ's holy name, to God give thanks and glory!
We, who the Father's power proclaim, to God give thanks and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

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

Celebration of Birth

We rejoice with Tiffany and Carson DeBerry, as well as big sisters Carley and Lily, as they welcome their son and brother, Hudson Blake, born on May 24!

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Dawn and Houston Harris, as well as Mary Aldon and Houston Jr., in the loss of Houston's father, Jerry Harris. We pray that they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

Summer Wednesday Morning Park Playdates

Calling all moms of babies and preschoolers! Join us this summer on Wednesday 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.

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 soon!

Stephen Nielson, piano

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