

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JULY 16, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 27.4-5, 7-8

Minister: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Romans 8.31-34

Minister: Christian, if God is for us, who can be against us?

All: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—will he not also graciously, along with Him, give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

(Please see insert.)

Boswell, Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

Minister: Let us confess our sin before a righteous and loving God.

All: Heavenly Father, you graciously fill our lives with many wonderful things. You bless us with friends, family, and material provision; all of it underserved. We confess today that we are prone to love your good gifts far more than we love you. Father, thank you for your deep and endless mercy to rebels like us. Jesus, we praise you that you never bowed to an idol or loved anything more than your Father. Draw our eyes to the great throne room in heaven, where you dwell in radiant glory, crowned with honor and interceding for those for whom you gave Your life. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hudson Blake DeBerry

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 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

SERMON

Dragon Slayer*Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Behold the Lamb*Getty*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
 The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
 So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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

Our God Will Go Before Us

(Please see insert.)

Boswell, Getty, Papa

Our God will go before us and guide us by his presence.
What confidence this promise is we will never walk alone.

Through unknown paths, through shadows, our hearts fear not tomorrow.
For every step, his faithfulness is the truth that lights our way.

*Chorus: Our God will go before us. The Lord of Hosts is with us.
O, praise the one who leads us on for his grace will bring us home.*

Though evil forms against us, all heaven will defend us.
The gates of hell shall not prevail, for the battle is the Lord's.

Chorus

Now guide us by your presence and lead us on to heaven,
Where songs of sorrow strain no more and our every breath is praise.

Chorus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! | No. 100
Stanzas 1- 3

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

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.

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Way Back Wednesdays - Summer Evening Studies

Way Back Wednesdays are back this summer! We hope you will plan to join us this summer on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8 p.m., for dinner and Bible study. The last meeting is this Wednesday, 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 this last study. You can email Allyson Crow at office@providencedallas.com to RSVP.

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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