

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

AUGUST 13, 2023

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Isaiah 49.13; Revelation 15.3-4*

Minister: "Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones."

**All:** "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

### 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

*from 1 Peter 1:3-4*

Minister: Christian, how has the resurrection of Jesus Christ given us new birth and a living hope? What does it mean our inheritance is secure?

**All:** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you."

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *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*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we are a people often totally consumed by the fleeting attractions of this world, often neglecting to live in light of the eternal city You have prepared for us. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and preoccupation with temporary pleasures. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask that You would renew our hearts and minds, that we may live as citizens of Your everlasting kingdom. Help us to more and more find hope in the work of Jesus, who died and rose again, securing our place in the heavenly city. May our lives be a reflection of the hope and joy soon to be found in our future home. 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed -- <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

SERMON

The City of Light

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

*There is a Higher Throne*

Getty

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb,  
Believing hearts find promised grace - salvation comes.

*Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing, their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies. Their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
To God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;  
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King, we'll reign with Him.

*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*

***Be Still, My Soul*** | No. 689  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

INLANDIA

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*During the cup*

***Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire***  
*From 1 Corinthians 13*  
*Jenna Smith and Brighton Smith*

GIFT OF LOVE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### CLOSING HYMN\*

***The King in All His Beauty***

*Papa, Boswell*

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.  
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.  
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.  
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

## CLOSING HYMN (CONT.)

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.  
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.  
As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.  
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.  
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.  
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.  
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain, Repeat Refrain*

## 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 21-22*

21 <sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day -- and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 <sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***PPC Child Safety Meeting for Children's Wing Volunteers***

PPC will be holding a child safety meeting on Sunday, August 27 at 9 a.m. (childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under). We will meet in the middle school room. This year, all volunteers (including youth volunteers) will need to go through training before they can serve, so please plan to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the curriculum, information about the classrooms, requirements for volunteers, and CPR/other health related information. If you have any questions, please email Kristi Breed at [childrensministry@providencedallas.com](mailto:childrensministry@providencedallas.com).

### ***Fall Christian Education***

Sunday school classes for all ages will start on Sunday, September 10. Fall Bible studies will also begin next month. More details and a list of class offerings will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

### ***New Members Class***

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please save the date and plan to join us for our next new members class. We will meet on Sunday, December 3, 8-10 a.m. before worship. For more information and to sign up, email Allyson Crow at [office@providencedallas.com](mailto:office@providencedallas.com).

### ***Nursing and Comforting Rooms for Families during Worship Hour***

Providence has both a nursing room and a comforting room for families. These rooms are fully equipped with a streaming television and volume control that allows for the service to be seen and heard perfectly, and they can accommodate toddlers and other children who might be struggling to stay quiet in the service. The nursing room is around the corner from the children's desk. Room #136 is close to the sanctuary and is in the same hallway as the church offices. We strongly and lovingly encourage families to make use of these rooms as they are intended to be a help to all church attendees in allowing the Word of the Lord to be clearly heard and reflected upon during worship. We sincerely thank you for your understanding and for thoughtfully considering this request.

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