

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 20, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Exodus 34.6-7, Psalm 103.1

Minister: The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | No. 38

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Romans 8.32, 38-39

Minister: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

All: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

(Please see insert.)

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How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their friend and king: Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Refrain: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorist' and all the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing "Hallelujah!"
Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting!

Refrain

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace - go, tell of His goodness.

Refrain, Repeat Refrain

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, in good times we boldly and gladly confess our faith and hope in Jesus. Yet when trials and troubles come, we often move to despair and doubt and find ourselves sinfully consumed with anxiety and fear. We thank you that Jesus entered this world of suffering and temptation on our behalf as our merciful and compassionate High Priest. Give us the strength to trust in Him regardless of our circumstances. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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***Deuteronomy 34**

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

SERMON**A Vision of Promise***Rev. Nate Libby***HYMN OF RESPONSE******Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me****CityAlight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
 He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
 my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to His.
 Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; for in my need, His power is displayed.
 To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
 Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid.
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
 To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
 Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
 And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

There is a Higher Throne

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(Please see insert.)

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*

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | No. 521

SOLID ROCK

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

BENEDICTION*

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

Numbers 20.2-13

²Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. ³They quarreled with Moses and said, “If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD! ⁴Why did you bring the LORD’S community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? ⁵Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!”

⁶Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, ⁸“Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”

⁹So Moses took the staff from the LORD’S presence, just as he commanded him. ¹⁰He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” ¹¹Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

¹²But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

¹³These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the LORD and where he was proved holy among them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

Women's Fall Kick-off Dinner

Please join us for our PPC Women's Fall Kick-off dinner! We will gather on Sunday night, August 27, 5:30 - 7 p.m. to enjoy dinner and fellowship, and to hear from our sisters in ministry: Jenny, Blanca and Gaby, who are serving at our sister church, Senda de Gracia in La Paz, Mexico. It will be a wonderful way to kick off the fall; and to encourage them as they encourage us in loving one another, reaching others for Christ, and glorifying the Lord with our lives as we serve. You can RSVP to Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@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!

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