

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 27, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 1 in C Major
Adelaide Breed, Piano

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Matthew 11.28-29

Minister: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

All: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Creatures of Our God and King | No. 115
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Matthew 28:20, Psalm 23:4, Philippians 4:7

Minister: Who promises to be with us in every season and every trial?

All: Jesus declared, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Even in the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil, for He is with us. His rod and staff, they comfort us. In Him, we find a peace that surpasses all understanding, guarding our hearts and minds.

SONG OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Lord Almighty, we often marvel at the wonders of Your creation and cherish the blessings You bestow upon us. Yet, we confess that we don't always find our deepest joy in You. In times of abundance, our praises flow easily, but in moments of hardship, we sometimes waver in faith, feeling distant and distraught. Remind us, Heavenly Father, that You are ever-present, weaving even our trials into a tapestry of grace. Forgive us for our sin and shortsightedness, we pray. Help us to look to Jesus, Your precious Son, who exemplified unwavering trust in You. Strengthen our hearts to seek You earnestly, to embrace Your forgiveness fully, and to bask in the warmth of Your love. In Jesus' name, 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.

SCRIPTURE READING***Joshua 3.1-13**

¹ Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

⁴ Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” ⁶ And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸ And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’ ” ⁹ And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.” ¹⁰ And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹ Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹² Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. ¹³ And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

SERMON**Jesus, Our True Rest Beyond the Jordan***Rev. David Rea***HYMN OF RESPONSE*****O Church, Arise***Getty, Townsend*

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
 For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
 With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
 An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
 And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
 When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
 That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
 As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
 We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

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
Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

During the cup
Instrumental

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.

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*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Joshua 3.14-17

¹⁴ So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶ the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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.

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!

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

Women's Fall Kick-off Dinner

Please join us tonight for our PPC Women's Fall Kick-off dinner! We will gather here at the church from 5:30 to 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. If you have questions or to RSVP, you can email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com.

Sunday School Classes Begin September 10!

Sunday school classes for all ages will start on Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to study and apply God's Word, enjoy fellowship, and grow in our relationships with one another during this time.

Adult classes:

Generations - a class open to adults of all ages and stages, taught by Robby Rucker in the sanctuary.

30s and 40s - a class intended to foster fellowship and build community at this frenzied stage of life, taught by David Rea in room #136.

Young Adults - a class intended to build community while addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of faith in the 20s and 30s, taught by Chris Bennett in room #135.

Youth classes: Our high school and middle school students will meet in the youth wing in their respective rooms.

Children's classes: A full slate of children's classes for infants, preschoolers and elementary-aged children will be offered in the children's wing.

Fall Bible Studies

Fall Bible studies begin next month. Please see the bulletin insert for a list of class offerings and more information!

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