

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 63:1-3

Minister: O God, you are my God, and I earnestly seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

All: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life, I will give you praise and glory.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Praise to Christ

ENGELBERG

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,
Yielding his glory in his love's design,
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought;
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Genesis 3.15 & Genesis 12.1-3

Minister: Christian, in whom did the Lord God first promise hope and redemption?

All: From the moment of our fall, God revealed that the seed of the woman would triumph over the serpent, and in calling Abraham, He affirmed that through his lineage, a blessing would extend to all nations. We hold fast to this divine assurance, confessing that our Savior and Rescuer, the culmination of these promises, is destined to defeat evil and extend His redeeming grace to every corner of the earth.

SONG OF PRAISE

Across the Lands

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You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free! *Chorus*

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home! *Chorus*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, you are the holy and perfect One in all your ways. Your kindness and care toward us are undeserved, yet you have lavished your love upon us. You faithfully pursue us with your eternal promise to work all things for our good and your glory. Yet, we acknowledge our frequent struggles with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. Our minds often dwell on the sins and weaknesses of others, as we attempt to justify ourselves in self-righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for the cleansing power of Christ's blood, which washes away our sins, and for the righteousness of Christ, which covers our rebellious record with the splendor of his perfect holiness. Help us, Lord, to see the excellence and beauty of Christ in our worship, our work, and our daily lives. In name of Jesus, we pray. 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.

NEW MEMBER VOWS

*Katy and John Brown
Garrett Gideon
Campbell and Kevin Koelsch*

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*

Judges 2.6-23

⁶ After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to their own inheritance. ⁷ The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel.

⁸ Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten.

⁹ And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹² They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the LORD's anger ¹³ because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. ¹⁴ In his anger against Israel the LORD gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. ¹⁵ Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

¹⁶ Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders.

¹⁷ Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the LORD's commands. ¹⁸ Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. ¹⁹ But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

²⁰ Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant I ordained for their ancestors and has not listened to me, ²¹ I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. ²² I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their ancestors did." ²³ The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua. (NIV)

SERMON

In Need of Rescue

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Jesus Is Mine

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Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul,
He will sustain my hope; Jesus is mine.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

*Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains; Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

Refrain

Repeat 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

THOMPSON

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou, full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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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'rf'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace - go, tell of His goodness.

Refrain, Repeat Refrain

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.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes, 9 a.m.

Sunday school classes for all ages have begun! 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.

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies - Job: A Story of Severe Mercy

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND
Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8 p.m.

Beginning on September 6 at PPC

Led by Alyson Averitt (alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com)

Men's Bible Studies

Young Adults Men's Study - "Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges

Wednesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 6

Led by Chris Bennett (chris.bennett@providencedallas.com)

James

Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 13

*Lunch provided

Led by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

Jeremiah

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 15

Led by Bobby Cardone (robertjcardone@gmail.com), Teddy Chu, Christopher Norfleet

Youth Bible Studies

Providence Youth Group: 7-8:30 p.m. at PPC

High school youth group meets on Sundays starting on September 10.

Middle school youth group meets on Mondays starting on September 11.

Led by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Birth!

We rejoice with Hope and Parker Woodruff, along with big sister Ruth, as they welcome their daughter and sister, Avie, born on September 12!

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Dorothy and T.J. Edwards, as well as James, Annie and Sarah Harris, in the loss of Dorothy's grandfather, Thomas Erwin "Tony" Owen, Jr. We pray that they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

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!

Marco Jerez, flute

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