

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

OCTOBER 15, 2023

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from Psalm 100*

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**All:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

### HYMN\*

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God* | No. 119  
*Stanzas 1-3*

FOREST GREEN

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care.  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from Isaiah and Jeremiah*

Minister: What do idols bring to those who trust in them?

**All:** See, they are all foolish, worthless things. All your idols are as empty as the wind. They have no knowledge, those who carry their idols and pray to a god that cannot save. Such foolish and ignorant craftsmen! They fail to recognize that their wooden idol can do nothing. Idols are like scarecrows in a field! They cannot speak, and they need to be carried, because they cannot walk. They can't harm us, nor can they do us any good. Those who make idols will be disappointed – all their works are mere illusions.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Jesus is Lord*

Getty, Townend

“Jesus is Lord!”—the cry that echoes through creation:  
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our rock.  
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord—Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.  
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.  
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory,  
The Judge of all will take His children home.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:     Dear Lord, we have other gods before us.  
          We desire many images more than You.  
          We do not worship Your name as we ought to.  
          We are not faithful in honoring the Lord’s Day.  
          We do not honor our father and our mother.  
          We have murder on our tongues and in our hearts.  
          We are not faithful.  
          We take what is not ours.  
          We do not always tell the truth.  
          We sinfully desire what other people have.**

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Graham Jefferson Bradshaw  
Mary Claire Miglicco  
James Judah Walton*

## 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> Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' <sup>3</sup> Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So, twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

<sup>5</sup> So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." <sup>6</sup> Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." <sup>8</sup> So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley. <sup>9</sup> During that night the LORD said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. <sup>10</sup> If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah <sup>11</sup> and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp." So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. <sup>12</sup> The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."

<sup>14</sup> His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands." (NIV, 1984)

SERMON

**Victory's Aftermath: Blessings and Blunders***Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***We Will Glorify***

PARIS

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the Great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb!  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the Great I Am.

## 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*

**Come Unto Jesus**

*(Please see insert.)*

*Merker, Story, Kauflin*

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel.  
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.  
Here, speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

*Chorus: Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in his love.*

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners.  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.

*Chorus*

Come now and follow him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for his kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus; take up your cross.

*Chorus*

*Repeat Chorus*

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***All Authority and Power*** | No. 453

NEANDER

*Stanzas 1, 2, 4*

All authority and power, ev'ry status and domain,  
Now belongs to him who suffered our redemption to obtain,  
Angels, demons, kings and rulers, over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship, ev'ry tongue shall call him Lord,  
How are men to call upon him if his name they have not heard?  
Therefore go and make disciples, preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days,  
With his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways.  
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

**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.

### ***Judges 7.15-21***

<sup>15</sup> When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, “Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands.” <sup>16</sup> Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

<sup>17</sup> “Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. <sup>18</sup> When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’ ”

<sup>19</sup> Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. <sup>20</sup> The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” <sup>21</sup> While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

### ***Judges 8.22-28***

<sup>22</sup> The Israelites said to Gideon, “Rule over us—you, your son and your grandson—because you have saved us from the hand of Midian.”

<sup>23</sup> But Gideon told them, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you.” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder.” (It was the custom of the Ishmaelites to wear gold earrings.)

<sup>25</sup> They answered, “We’ll be glad to give them.” So they spread out a garment, and each of them threw a ring from his plunder onto it. <sup>26</sup> The weight of the gold rings he asked for came to seventeen hundred shekels, not counting the ornaments, the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian or the chains that were on their camels’ necks. <sup>27</sup> Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.

<sup>28</sup> Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again. During Gideon’s lifetime, the land had peace forty years.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Letters to College Students

Let our PPC college students know that their PPC family loves them and cares about them even when they are away at school. We will mail a small care package filled with notes from you in early November. Some ideas: You can handwrite personal notes, print out Bible verses and write a note on the back, and/or get your children to draw a picture or write a note. We would love to give each student as many notes as we can. Let's encourage our college students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually to glorify the Lord. You can use your own stationery or pick some up at the table in the foyer and drop off notes there by October 29. We have 24 students in college, and you can find a list on the tables in the foyer this morning.

### WOW (Women of Wisdom) October Fellowship

Please join us for a fun day at the Dallas Arboretum on Friday, October 20. We will meet at Gate 1 at 10 a.m. to see the pumpkins and then have lunch at the DeGolyer House at 11:30 a.m. You can RSVP to Becky Hendricks at 214.232.0777 by Monday, October 16. You are welcome to come just to see the pumpkins or just have lunch, or both! All ladies 55ish and up are invited to attend.

### Grieving A Loss?

Come to GriefShare on Wednesday, November 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Discover hope and healing after the loss of a loved one. We are offering a special session designed to support those grieving. In this 90-minute gathering, you have the freedom to listen, reflect, feel, share, or simply be present in any way that is comfortable for you. There's no need to prepare or feel obligated to participate. However, your insights and feelings can enrich our guided discussion. Together, we'll listen, share, cry, laugh, pray, and find comfort in each other's company. If you're interested in taking advantage of this free GriefShare session, please contact the church office at [office@providencedallas.com](mailto:office@providencedallas.com). This session will be led by Robby Rucker.

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