

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 22, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Jeremiah 29.11-13

Minister: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

All: Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | No. 76
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring,
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows,
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face,
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Acts 2.29-36

Minister: In light of David's prophecy and Christ's resurrection, what can we proclaim about Jesus?

All: The patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet, and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. "Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we clearly recognize that we have defied Your will, in actions and hidden thoughts. Our sins aren't just outward; they're in our hearts - showing as blindness to goodness, doubt, despair, impatience, pride, greed, envy, and bitterness. We see these not as mere mistakes, but serious sins against You, and we feel true remorse. Turning from these sins, we seek Your endless grace and love, welcoming repentant hearts. We ask that You would view us not through our sins, but in Your vast mercy, through the person and work of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, 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*

Judges 13 & 16

13 ¹ Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, so the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years. ² A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. ³ The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴ Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. ⁵ You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

16 ²¹ Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. ²² But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

²³ Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands."

²⁴ When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

"Our god has delivered our enemy
into our hands,
the one who laid waste our land
and multiplied our slain."

²⁵ While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, ²⁶ Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." ²⁷ Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. ²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." ²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰ Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

³¹ Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years. ^(NIV)

SERMON

A Hero for All Sinners

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

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*

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

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Getty, Kendrick

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. *Chorus*

CLOSING HYMN*

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power | No. 300
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy,
Ever descendeth the love from on high,
Blessing and honor and glory and praise-
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb,
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm,
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead question: Was Samson really a super hero? If so, what should we learn from him?

I. Samson's sight

II. Samson's strength

III. Samson's sin

IV. Samson's Savior

Answer: Yes, and even super heroes need a hero!

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. 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) November Fellowship

Please join us for lunch with friends on Wednesday, November 8, at 11:45 a.m. at festive Escondido (5950 Royal Lane). Please text Margie at 469.964.8512 by November 5 if you can come. We hope to see you there! All ladies 55ish and up are invited to attend.

Surviving the Holidays

GriefShare Event: "Surviving the Holidays"

Are you grieving a loss? Join us for a special GriefShare event titled "Surviving the Holidays." We offer encouragement, support, and valuable tools to help you navigate the challenges of the season.

At this event, you'll discover a safe space for reflection, sharing, listening, crying, laughing, and healing. We will meet on Wednesday, November 15, 7 - 9 p.m. at the church. To register, please email the office at office@providencedallas.com. For additional information or any questions, please feel free to contact the group facilitator, Robby Rucker, at robby@providencedallas.com.

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