

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 29, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Micah 7.18-19

Minister: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

All: You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 457

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be,
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 36.5-9

Minister: Christian, in whose light do we truly see?

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

SONG OF PRAISE

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Getty, Townend

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain,
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly,
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we come before you confessing the sins we've committed, and the acts of goodness we've willfully overlooked. We acknowledge that, although we cherish Christ's sacrifice and the power of his resurrection, these central truths have not always steered our behaviors and choices. Forgive us, we pray. May our love for you be steadfast, our obedience joyful, and our lives boldly reflect Your grace's transformative power. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

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*

Hosea 3.1-5

¹ And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.”

² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.”

⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

SERMON

**Faithless Hearts and Faithful Love:
Setting the Stage for Salvation**

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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
In the Darkness God Will Keep Me

CityAlight

In the darkness God will keep me. He will stay and never sleep.
In the darkness God is brighter, though the night is long and deep.

*Chorus: All this day Your hand has held me, God of Heaven by my side.
Thank you, Father, for Your goodness. You will hold me through the night.*

In the shadows You are with me, and you know my every fear.
In the shadows none can harm me for the mighty King is here.

Chorus

So I find my rest in Jesus, He who came to rescue me.
Jesus saved me from the darkness; I will rise to life with him.

Chorus

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

The King in All His Beauty

Papa, Boswell

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Refrain

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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.

Hosea 11.1-11

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ² The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.
- ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up by their arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
- ⁴ I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵ They shall not return to the land of Egypt,
but Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶ The sword shall rage against their cities,
consume the bars of their gates,
and devour them because of their own counsels.
- ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me,
and though they call out to the Most High,
he shall not raise them up at all.
- ⁸ How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
- ⁹ I will not execute my burning anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a man,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
- ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD;
he will roar like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west;
- ¹¹ they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria,
and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD.

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Lizzy and Stanton Newman, as well as Ruthie, in the loss of Lizzy's mother, Stephanie Janine Zimmerman. We pray that they would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

Letters to College Students - due today!

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. The deadline for turning in your notes is today.

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.

GriefShare Event: "Surviving the Holidays"

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. Please email office@providencedallas.com to register by November 8. For additional information or any questions, please feel free to contact the group facilitator, Robby Rucker, at robby@providencedallas.com.

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