

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 4

Minister: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

All: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in our time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | No. 296
Stanzas 1, 3, and 6

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2

Minister: How did Christ demonstrate ultimate humility in His life and death?

All: Christ did not consider equality with God something to be held on to at all costs. He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place, and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Getty, Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

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

All: Heavenly Father, like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We confess that though you have given us Your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting more in other things than in the provision of Your Son. Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be truly satisfied in Him. In the 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.

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***Obadiah 1.1-14**

¹ The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom -- We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, "Rise, let us go against her for battle"—

² "See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised. ³ The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?' ⁴ Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD. ⁵ "If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night -- oh, what a disaster awaits you! -- would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes? ⁶ But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged! ⁷ All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you; those who eat your bread will set a trap for you, but you will not detect it.

⁸ "In that day," declares the LORD, "will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau? ⁹ Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau's mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

¹⁰ Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever. ¹¹ On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. ¹² You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble. ¹³ You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster. ¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble. ^(NIV)

SERMON**Pride's Ruin and the Humble King***Rev. David Rea***HYMN OF RESPONSE******His Mercy is More****Boswell, Papa*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *Chorus*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
 His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *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

What Wondrous Love is This | No. 261

WONDRIOUS LOVE

Stanzas 1-3

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

CLOSING HYMN* (CONT.)

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

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

Obadiah 1.15-21

¹⁵ “The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. ¹⁶ Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had never been. ¹⁷ But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance. ¹⁸ Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him. There will be no survivors from Esau.” The LORD has spoken.

¹⁹ People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead. ²⁰ This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev. ²¹ Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD’s.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Providence or just learning more about PPC, then please 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.

GriefShare Event: “Surviving the Holidays”

Join us for our GriefShare “Surviving the Holidays” seminar for practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season without someone you love. You’ll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season. You can share or just listen. The seminar is this Wednesday, November 15, 7 - 9 p.m. at PPC. For additional information or any questions, please feel free to contact our group facilitator, Robby Rucker, at robby@providencedallas.com.

Christmas Eve Children’s Choirs: Pre-K and Elementary

All PPC children, ages 4 – kindergarten and 1st – 5th grades, are invited to sing in our Christmas Eve service! Rehearsals will immediately follow worship on December 3, 10, and 17. If possible, we encourage you to try to attend at least two rehearsals. Please register so we can have materials prepared for you kiddos. Pre-K will be led by Stefani Rea, and the elementary choir will be led by Jill Smith. To register, please email Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com. Thank you for helping lead our Christmas Eve service!

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year! We will have our normal Lord’s Day worship service that morning at 10:10. Childcare for infants to pre-K will be provided as usual, as well as a lesson for kindergarteners – 3rd graders during the sermon. We will have our Christmas Eve service later that day at 4 p.m. Childcare will not be provided for that service, as it is a family service. We look forward to this wonderful Sunday and worshipping together!

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