

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 130

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

All: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his Word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | No. 53

LOBE DEN HERREN

Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from 1 Peter 1.3-5

Minister: What hope does Christ's birth bring to our lives?

All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Great God

Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Our gracious heavenly Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings and deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for willfully disobeying your commands, for our envy of those who have more than we have, and for our indifference to your wise and gracious providence. Father, by your Spirit, change our hearts that we may desire what is good, and love what you love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

NEW MEMBER VOWS

Lauren and Tyler Knight (Viola, Harrison, Edith, Alice)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Viola Knight Edith Knight
Harrison Knight Alice Knight

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****Jeremiah 19.4-5, 10-11***

⁴ For they have forsaken me and made this a place of foreign gods; they have burned incense in it to gods that neither they nor their ancestors nor the kings of Judah ever knew, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent. ⁵ They have built the high places of Baal to burn their children in the fire as offerings to Baal-- something I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.

¹⁰ "Then break the jar while those who go with you are watching, ¹¹ and say to them, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I will smash this nation and this city just as this potter's jar is smashed and cannot be repaired.' "

Jeremiah 20.1-4, 7-10, 13-18

¹ When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, ² he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the LORD's temple. ³ The next day, when Pashhur released him from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD's name for you is not Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side. ⁴ For this is what the LORD says: 'I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; with your own eyes you will see them fall by the sword of their enemies. I will give all Judah into the hands of the king of Babylon.

⁷ [Jeremiah said] you deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹ But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰ I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

¹³ Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. ¹⁴ Cursed be the day I was born! May the day my mother bore me not be blessed! ¹⁵ Cursed be the man who brought my father the news, who made him very glad, saying, "A child is born to you-- a son!" ¹⁶ May that man be like the towns the LORD overthrew without pity. May he hear wailing in the morning, a battle cry at noon. ¹⁷ For he did not kill me in the womb, with my mother as my grave, her womb enlarged forever. ¹⁸ Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame? (NIV)

SERMON**The Weeping Prophet and The Righteous Branch***Rev. David Rea***HYMN OF RESPONSE******Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery****Boswell, Papa*

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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

It Was Finished Upon that Cross
(Please see insert.)

CityAlight

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

O Church, Arise

Getty, Townend

(Please see insert.)

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor,
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

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.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

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.

Sunday School Break

Next Sunday, November 26, will be our last day for Sunday School classes this semester. We will take a break for the Christmas season, and classes will resume in early January.

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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