

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 77.11-15

Minister: I will remember the deeds of the LORD. Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?

All: You are the God who performs miracles. You display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Rejoice, the Lord is King | No. 310
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 46, John 1, Lamentations 3, Hebrews 13

Minister: In Christ, how are God's promises of mercy and restoration fulfilled?

All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. The Word became flesh, full of grace and truth, and dwelt among us. His mercies never cease, for they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

SONG OF PRAISE

Our God Will Go Before Us

Boswell, Getty, Papa

Our God will go before us and guide us by his presence.
What confidence this promise is we will never walk alone.

Through unknown paths, through shadows, our hearts fear not tomorrow.
For every step, his faithfulness is the truth that lights our way.

*Chorus: Our God will go before us. The Lord of Hosts is with us.
O, praise the one who leads us on for his grace will bring us home.*

Though evil forms against us, all heaven will defend us.
The gates of hell shall not prevail, for the battle is the Lord's.

Chorus

Now guide us by your presence and lead us on to heaven,
Where songs of sorrow strain no more and our every breath is praise.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, your greatness and graciousness are unmatched. Your steadfast love welcomes us each day, and your faithfulness accompanies us always. We are grateful for the mercies we receive—a measure of health, the comfort of our homes, and the necessities of life. Despite these gifts, we confess our sins and deep ingratitude. Too often, our joy is found in your creation rather than in You, our Creator. Forgive us for our many sins. Renew in us the joy of our salvation: Christ has been faithful for us, and so you will always be faithful to us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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****Zechariah 1.7-17***

⁷On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, ⁸“I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. ⁹Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ ¹⁰So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ ¹¹And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’ ¹²Then the angel of the LORD said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’ ¹³And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

¹⁴So the angel who talked with me said to me, ‘Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. ¹⁵And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster. ¹⁶Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.’ ”

SERMON**Beyond the Horizon: God’s Promise of Restoration***Rev. Nate Libby***HYMN OF RESPONSE******In Christ Alone****Getty, Townsend*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song,
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all — here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
 For ev’ry sin on Him was laid — here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
 Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death — this is the pow’r of Christ in me,
 From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand,
 Till He returns or calls me home — here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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

Behold the Lamb

Getty

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | No. 521

SOLID ROCK

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace,
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

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.

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 beginning today, and on December 3, 10, and 17 as well. 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 they will meet in the children's wing in the Giraffes room #113; and the elementary choir will be led by Jill Smith, and they will meet in room #135 near the offices. 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!

Weekly Update

If you would like to receive our weekly email that includes announcements, information about Bible studies, and details about upcoming events, please email office@providencedallas.com. We would be happy to include you!

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 next 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

Today is 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.

PPC 55ish Community Christmas Party

Please join us on Saturday, December 2, at 7 p.m. at the home of Amy and Kimber Olsen (4414 Bluffview Blvd., Dallas 75209) to celebrate Christmas. Come and go! You can RSVP to Amy at 940.465.6886 if you plan to attend. All who are 55ish and up are welcome!

Carols and Cocoa

We hope you will plan to join us for a special time of worship and fellowship on Sunday, December 10, at 4:30 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary to sing Christmas hymns together, and then we will enjoy a time of fellowship with hot chocolate afterwards in the lobby. All are welcome! Childcare will not be provided, as this will be a time for families to sing and enjoy fellowship together.

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