

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 7.14, Psalm 46.1-2, and Psalm 32.10

Minister: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

All: The Lord is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. His unfailing love surrounds those who trust in Him.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 23

Minister: In the dark valleys of life, where do we turn for comfort and assurance?

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age; 'Our God is all in all'.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: When you would guide me, I control myself. When you would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on your providence, I supply myself. When I should submit to your guidance, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself. Convince me that I cannot be my own god, or make myself happy, nor be my own savior to restore my joy, nor my own spirit to teach, guide, rule me. Good Lord, hear my prayer, and forgive me of my sins for the sake of Christ Jesus. In his matchless name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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*

Isaiah 36.1-15

¹ In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. ² Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. When the commander stopped at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer's Field, ³ Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went out to him.

⁴ The field commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah:

"This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours? ⁵ You say you have counsel and might for war -- but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me? ⁶ Look, I know you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces the hand of anyone who leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him. ⁷ But if you say to me, "We are depending on the LORD our God" -- isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar"?"

⁸ " 'Come now, make a bargain with my master, the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses -- if you can put riders on them! ⁹ How then can you repulse one officer of the least of my master's officials, even though you are depending on Egypt for chariots and horsemen? ¹⁰ Furthermore, have I come to attack and destroy this land without the LORD? The LORD himself told me to march against this country and destroy it.' "

¹¹ Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the field commander, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, since we understand it. Don't speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people on the wall."

¹² But the commander replied, "Was it only to your master and you that my master sent me to say these things, and not to the people sitting on the wall -- who, like you, will have to eat their own excrement and drink their own urine?"

¹³ Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! ¹⁴ This is what the king says: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you! ¹⁵ Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, 'The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

SERMON

Immanuel's Shadow over Jerusalem's Siege

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

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
See the Destined Day Arise

Merker

See the destined day arise! See a willing sacrifice!
Jesus, to redeem our loss, hangs upon the shameful cross.
Jesus, who but You could bear wrath so great and justice fair?
Every pang and bitter throe, finishing Your life of woe!

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name!*

Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us, the water flowed, mingled from Your side with blood,
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice. *Chorus*

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And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us, the water flowed, mingled from Your side with blood,
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice. *Chorus*

Holy Jesus, grant us grace in that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed, pardoned sin, and promised good.
Grant us grace to sing Your praise 'round Your throne through endless days,
Ever with the sons of light: "blessing, honor, glory, might!" *Chorus*

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord | No. 292
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

ENGELBERG

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

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.

Isaiah 36.16-22

¹⁶ “Do not listen to Hezekiah. This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me. Then each of you will eat fruit from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, ¹⁷ until I come and take you to a land like your own -- a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

¹⁸ “Do not let Hezekiah mislead you when he says, ‘The LORD will deliver us.’ Have the gods of any nations ever delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my hand? ²⁰ Who of all the gods of these countries have been able to save their lands from me? How then can the LORD deliver Jerusalem from my hand?”

²¹ But the people remained silent and said nothing in reply, because the king had commanded, “Do not answer him.”

²² Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went to Hezekiah, with their clothes torn, and told him what the field commander had said.

Isaiah 37.5-7; 33-37

⁵ When King Hezekiah’s officials came to Isaiah, ⁶ Isaiah said to them, “Tell your master, ‘This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard -- those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. ⁷ Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.’ ” ...

³³ “Therefore this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria: “He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. ³⁴ By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city,” declares the LORD. ³⁵ “I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!” ³⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning -- there were all the dead bodies! ³⁷ So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there. (NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Rachel Gill in the loss of her grandmother, Suzanne Miller Humphreys. We pray that she would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

Celebration of Birth!

We rejoice with Amy and Chris Bennett, as well as big sister Janie and big brother Cooper, as they welcome Beau Christopher, born on October 27!

New Members Class

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

WOW (Women of Wisdom) November Fellowship

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

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 hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. 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 Wednesday, November 15, 7 - 9 p.m. at PPC. Registration deadline is November 8, by email at office@providencedallas.com. For additional information or any questions, please feel free to contact our group facilitator, Robby Rucker, at robby@providencedallas.com.

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