

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

All: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young -- a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house. They are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | No. 296

CORONATION

Stanzas 1, 3, and 6

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

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 27-28

Minister: Christian, what is the Providence of God, and how does it bring you comfort?

All: God's providence is His powerful, constant presence by which He sustains the entire universe and everything in it. He controls all things—whether it's rain or drought, good years or bad, food and drink, health or illness, wealth or hardship—not by random chance, but according to His loving plan. This gives us the strength to be patient in times of difficulty, grateful in times of blessing, and to trust fully in our faithful God and Father, knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from His love and that everything is under His complete control, unfolding perfectly according to His will.

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: Heavenly Father, if you kept a record of our sins and held us accountable for them, who could stand? We are prone to anger, envy, and greed. We struggle with lust and pride. We often neglect prayer, worship, and serving others. Father, forgive us, for we are a wayward and disobedient people. Help our hearts to be transformed by your steadfast love, grace, and mercy in Christ. Help us to look forward, more and more, to the day when He will come again and make all things new. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

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 2.1-5

¹ And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand! ² Then I said, "Where are you going?"

And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."

³ And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him ⁴ and said to him, "Run, say to that young man, 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it.' ⁵ And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst.

SERMON

Glory in Our Midst

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

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

THOMPSON

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou, full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

***Take My Life and Let it Be* | No. 585**

HENDON

Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

BENEDICTION*

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