

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 30, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Philippians 2.8-11

Minister: And being found in appearance as a man, Jesus 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,

All: 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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! | No. 100

NICAEA

Stanzas 1-3

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from the Second Helvetic Confession, Chapter XI

Minister: Who is Jesus?

All: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the eternal Word of the Father—foreordained from eternity to be the Savior of the world. He was eternally begotten of the Father before all time, not made: the eternal and unchanging Wisdom, the true Image of the Father, the exact imprint of His being. He is equal to the Father in all things—God with God, Light from Light—through whom all things were made. He is true and eternal God, one with the Father in essence and glory.

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace

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God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began,
Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, our inclination toward sin is overwhelming. Whether we have known You for many years or are new to the faith, we confess that it is still our nature to sin. Our hearts turn away from You, and none of our desires or motivations are pure. Though we have been freed from the eternal consequences of sin, we often choose to live as slaves to our sinful desires and selfishness—doing the things we know we should not and failing to do the things we should. Father, have mercy on us; Father, forgive us. We thank You that in Christ every sin—past, present, and future—is paid for, and His perfect holiness is credited to us. May the joy and reality of this forgiveness empower us to put off sin, and put on obedience—all for Your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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."

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.

OFFERINGS

Online giving is available at any time at providencedallas.givingfire.com or using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also place offerings in the white boxes on the lobby tables before or after the service.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Matthew 17–18

17 ²² As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

²⁴ When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" ²⁵ He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" ²⁶ And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.

²⁷ However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

18 ¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Power of the Cross

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Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

O Church, Arise

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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*

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

Levi Robertson, French horn