

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 4, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 12:1-2

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

All: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Be Thou My Vision | No. 642

SLANE

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 33

Minister: How is man made right with God?

All: **Man is made right with God through faith, being reconciled to God by trusting in His provision through Jesus Christ. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, our sins are forgiven, and His righteousness is credited to us. Man is made right with God by faith alone, resting in Christ alone, which brings peace, freedom from guilt, and assurance of salvation.**

SONG OF PRAISE

The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place.
Revive our hearts to know Your grace,
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in You,
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness, let us unite
That we may know the Risen Christ.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we often run toward sin instead of fleeing from it. We frequently fix our eyes on our own sinful desires and pursue them with little thought for the harm they cause to ourselves and to others. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to trust in the wisdom of Christ, and to rest in His righteousness alone. Shape in us a deeper obedience—not driven by fear or pride, but flowing from gratitude for Your mercy. Help us to hear and believe the promise: “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” and let that truth move us to love and worship You, now and forever. 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.

NEW MEMBER VOWS

Bethany and Truett Egan

Makenzie Goll

Gracie and Mason Morland

Juhi Parikh

Rebecca and Patrick Roberts;

Tori, Kate and William

Kathryn and Ethan Sullivan

Isabel Turner

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Juhi Parikh

Tori Roberts

Kate Roberts

William Roberts

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*

Galatians 1.11-24

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

SERMON

Complicit, Confused, or Commissioned

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Cooke

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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 Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie.
In pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, 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.