

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JUNE 8, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 18.46-50*

Minister: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

**All: He is the God who saves me from my enemies.**

Minister: Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name.

**All: He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 457*

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be,  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Speak, O Lord*

*Getty, Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plan for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, forgive us for our pervasive lack of trust in you. As you called Abraham out of his country into unknown circumstances, so you often call us to walk through difficult and frightening times. In response, we often sinfully turn to other things for hope and comfort. Like sheep, we are prone to wander; we have turned – every one of us – to our own way. And yet the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, laid down his life for a wayward people. Father, help us to trust that you always use the suffering of your children for good, as we see so clearly in the cross of Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 5:1*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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](http://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\***

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NIV)

**SERMON**

**The Grieving Christian**

*Rev. Chris Bennett*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

*Getty, Papa*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing Hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

*Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.*

*Refrain*

## 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*

***I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)***

*Kauflin, Merker, Getty and Townend*

Out of the depths I cry to You,  
In darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew,  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways,  
How could I come before Your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze,  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on your Word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone.  
Take courage in His power to save,  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ's emerging from the grave.

*Chorus*

Now He has come to make a way,  
And God Himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in Him today,  
Find healing in His sacrifice.

*Final Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You,  
Through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,  
For Your love is my delight.*

*During the cup  
Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## CLOSING HYMN\*

### *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | No. 164

AZMON

*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free,  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

## BENEDICTION\*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.