

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 100.1-5*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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

*adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1-2*

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

**All:** Our only hope in life and in death is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ. By His precious blood He has fully paid for all our sins, set us free from the tyranny of the devil, and watches over us so carefully that not a hair can fall from our heads apart from our Father’s will. In everything He works for our salvation, and by His Spirit, He assures us of eternal life and makes us ready and willing to live for Him. To live and die in this hope we must know our sin and misery, how we are delivered through Christ, and how to live in gratitude to God.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Across the Lands*

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You’re the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You’re the Author of creation. You’re the Lord of ev’ry man.  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

*Chorus*

With a shout You rose victorious, wrestling vict’ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

*Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, this morning we confess that we often neglect and misuse Your good gifts. We frequently love comfort and ease more than seeking You and Your kingdom, and we are far too slow to put others before ourselves. Whether in work or in idleness, our hearts are set on our own desires. Yet we thank You, Father, for the Lord Jesus, whose perfect obedience and saving work grant us forgiveness and welcome in Your presence. Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to love for God and neighbor, and keep our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His matchless name, 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."

## NEW MEMBER VOWS

*Dane Bender*

*Honor Moore*

*Daniel Forgione*

*Lizzie Priest*

*Abby and Ethan Miller*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Daniel Forgione*

## 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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING\*

### *Ephesians 1.1-14*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## SERMON

### **Salvation: Work of Father, Son, and Spirit**

*Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### ***Before the Throne of God***

*Bancroft, Cook*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace,  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased with His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

## 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*

***From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable***

Townend

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith,  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Savior of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
Filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well,  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—  
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross,  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell,  
And with a shout our souls set free—  
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honor,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell,  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

*During the cup*  
*Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## CLOSING HYMN\*

### *O Church, Arise*

*Getty, Townend*

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\*

*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.