

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 5, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Let All Things Now Living | No. 125

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from WCF 2.1-3

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about God and His glorious ways?

All: We believe in one living and true God, infinite in being and perfect in all his ways: pure spirit, invisible, unchanging, eternal, almighty, and all-wise. From him, through him, and to him are all things, for he is sovereign over all and works all things according to his righteous will for his glory. He is gracious and merciful, patient and abounding in goodness and truth, forgiving sin yet perfectly just and holy, hating all evil and judging in righteousness. In himself he has life and blessedness, depending on no one, yet displaying his glory in all he has made. In the unity of his divine being are three persons of one substance and power: the Father unbegotten, the Son eternally begotten, and the Holy Spirit proceeding from both—one God forever to be worshiped and adored.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

Kauflin, Merker

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace,
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!
Oh how deep is His love.
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams,
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him. *Chorus*

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed,
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end. *Chorus*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your graciousness and thank you for your everlasting promise to work all things for our good and your glory. Yet, we are a people who frequently struggle with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. In our hearts, we often rehearse the sins and weaknesses of others, seeking to justify ourselves in self-righteousness. Father, forgive us. We thank you for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin. Holy Spirit of the living God, make Christ appear excellent to us and beautiful in our eyes as we worship, work, and live. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

COMMUNICANT VOWS

Thomas Burlison

Beau Jarvis

Hugo Schoellkopf

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.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Colossians 1.15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

SERMON

The Great Diminishment

Dr. John Currid

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

In Christ Alone

Getty, Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all —
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid —
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

No guilt in life, no fear in death —
This is the pow'r of Christ in me,
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home —
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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.

During the bread (cont.)

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 furnishéd 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*

We Will Glorify

Paris

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the Great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the Great I Am.

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.