

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 19

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; his statutes are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above | No. 4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5 (alt)

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

We, who confess Christ's holy name, to God give thanks and glory!
We, who the Father's power proclaim, to God give thanks and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Romans 8:35–39

Minister: Christian, is there anything in all creation that can separate you from the love of God?

All: No—nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Neither trouble nor hardship, persecution nor famine, nakedness nor danger nor sword can divide us from His love. For in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. We are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

adapted from the Valley of Vision

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

All: O Lord, no day of my life has passed without proving me guilty in Your sight. My prayers have often been spoken from a heart that is distracted and cold, my praise has been empty, and even my best efforts are stained with sin. Yet in Your mercy, You have given me a refuge in Christ. Though my guilt would drag me down, His grace lifts me up. Everything in me deserves rejection, but everything in Him secures my acceptance. So, I come, not pleading my own merits but resting in Your boundless grace. Assure me that in Christ my sins—many and grievous—are fully forgiven. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Philippians 4.10-20

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

Paul's Secret Strength

Rev. Chris Bennett

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Jesus Is Mine

M. Merker and J. Kauflin

Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place.
Jesus alone can bless, Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul.
He will sustain my hope, Jesus is mine.

*Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains, Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine,
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

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

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

During the bread (cont.)

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Lift High the Cross | No. 263

Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

CRUCIFER

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Refrain*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION*

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