

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JANUARY 11, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

All: Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 33, 46; Lamentations 3; Romans 8:28

Minister: Christian, what truth gives us stability as we begin a new year?

All: As we begin a new year, our hope rests in the Lord, whose purposes stand forever and whose faithfulness never fails. Though the year ahead is unknown to us, God remains the same—steadfast in love and true to His word. He is our refuge and strength, guiding us by His wisdom, sustaining us by His grace, and working all things according to His will for our good and for His glory.

SONG OF PRAISE

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Kauflin, Merker, Getty and Townsend

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.*

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, You call me to look upon the beauty and glory of Your Son, but I have turned my gaze to the transient and created splendor of this world. I have secretly cherished visions of earthly wealth, beauty and power and have sought after them instead of the kingdom, the power, and the glory of Jesus. Forgive me for the wandering eyes of my heart and enable me by faith to fix my gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of all my focused attention and deepest affection. This we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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*

Matthew 2.13-23

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

SERMON

A New and Greater Moses

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Power of the Cross

Getty, Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townsend

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.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

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