

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 15, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 146

Minister: Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings who cannot save. Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God.

All: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them; he remains faithful forever. The Lord sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. The Lord reigns forever. Praise the Lord!

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

Romans 8:31–39

Minister: Christian, what assurance do we have in Christ?

All: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died, and more than that, was raised to life and is now at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace

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God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul:
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began,
Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: O Lord, You have declared that You are for us, and yet we often live as though You were against us. You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all, yet we frequently doubt Your goodness and question Your care. We worry as those who have no Father. We fear as those who have no Savior and we willfully forget that nothing in all creation can separate us from Your love. Forgive us, merciful God. Quiet our anxious hearts with the truth of the gospel and teach us to rest in the love from which we can never be torn. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

SERMON

Confusion and Confession

Dr. John Currid

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

CityAlight

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that 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

He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

Chorus

During the cup

Instrumental

CLOSING HYMN*

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord | No. 292

ENGELBERG

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be
with you all now and forever.