

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

APRIL 5, 2026

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from 1 Corinthians 15.55-56*

Minister: Christ has risen from the dead and become the first fruits of those who slept. Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O grave, is your victory?

All: The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

## HYMN\*

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today | No. 277*

EASTER HYMN

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 4*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from 1 Peter 1*

Minister: Christians, what has God given us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

**All:** In His great mercy, God the Father has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for us. In this, we greatly rejoice, though for a little while we may face trials. These come to prove the genuineness of our faith, of greater worth than gold, resulting in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though we have not seen Him, we love Him, and though we do not see Him now, we believe in Him and are filled with inexpressible joy, for we are receiving the salvation of our souls.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Come, People of the Risen King*

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and  
Those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

*Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age, 'Our God is all in all'.

*Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for Jesus Christ and the truth and power of His resurrection. He is risen from the dead and now reigns at Your right hand—our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Yet we confess that we often live as though the resurrection never happened. We carry our fears and burdens as if Christ were still in the tomb. We respond to hardship and conflict as if death still had the final word. Though we speak of His reign, we trust more in ourselves, our plans, and our strength. Forgive us for our unbelief. Help us to live in light of the risen Christ. Teach us to walk in resurrection hope, joyful obedience, and confidence that Jesus is alive and His kingdom will not fail. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

## 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\*

**John 19-20**

19 <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

20 <sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

**The First Day of the New Creation**

*Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

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How can it be, the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their friend and king:  
Christ, Christ, He is risen!

*Refrain: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*  
*Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"*  
*Join the chorus and all the redeemed:*  
*"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"*

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting!

*Refrain*

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to pow'r'ly save;  
He frees our hearts to live His grace -  
Go, tell of His goodness.

*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*

### **The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)**

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place.  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
And from our slumber make us rise  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true,  
Renew our minds to trust in You,  
And give to us the bread of life  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,  
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness, let us unite  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Lift High the Cross* | No. 263**

CRUCIFER

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 5*

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