

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MAY 3, 2026

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 36*

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep. O Lord, you preserve man and beast.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

## 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

*from Romans 8:35–39*

Minister: Christian, what can separate us from the love of Christ?

**All:** Neither tribulation, nor distress, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor danger, nor sword. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powers, neither 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

*Show Us Christ*

*Kauflin and Plank*

Prepare our hearts, O God; help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth.

*Chorus: Show us Christ, show us Christ.  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word,  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes.  
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,  
Riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today.

*Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love extends to the heavens, and nothing in all creation can separate us from Your love in Christ. Yet we often live as though Your love could be lost. We seek satisfaction in lesser things. We doubt Your goodness when trials come. We forget Your faithfulness and trust in ourselves instead. Forgive us, merciful God. Quiet our restless hearts with the assurance of Your unfailing love. Teach us to take refuge in You and to drink deeply from the river of Your grace. 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."

### RECOGNITION AND COMMISSIONING OF SENIORS

<i>Charlie Averitt</i>	<i>Matthew Freiburger</i>	<i>Alden Thomas</i>
<i>George Birdsong</i>	<i>Sadie Norfleet</i>	<i>Sarah Thomas</i>
<i>Caroline Cooper</i>		

### 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\*

**Genesis 37:2–8, 12–28**

<sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

## SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)

<sup>5</sup> Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: <sup>7</sup> We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" <sup>16</sup> He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" <sup>17</sup> "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. <sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

<sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe — the ornate robe he was wearing — <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

<sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

SERMON

**Favor is Not Necessarily Protection**

*Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### **O Great God**

Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

## 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*

**Jesus, I Come**

*Stanzas 1, 2 and 4*

SLEEPER THOMPSON

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Take My Life and Let it Be | No. 585***

HENDON

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 5*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

**BENEDICTION\***

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