



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 20, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-8

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- ¹Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ²Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- ⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Psalm 33:1-11

Tune: ASH GROVE (*Let All Things Now Living*)

- ¹Sing unto the Lord with joy, all of you righteous;
It's fitting for all of the upright to praise.
²With harp and with lyre, make music before Him;
³Sing new songs, play skillfully, joyous shouts raise.
⁴The word of the Lord is both righteous and true, and
the Lord's ever faithful in all that He does.
⁵The Lord loves pure justice and righteousness ever;
The earth overflows with His unfailing love.
- ⁶The Lord by His word made the heavens above us;
Their starry host came by the breath of His mouth.
⁷He gathers the waters of seas into jars, and
He puts the deep oceans into His storehouse.
⁸Let all the earth fear Him; let people revere Him;
⁹He spoke and creation all came forth to be.
¹⁰The Lord foils the plans of the peoples and nations,
¹¹But His plans and purpose firm ever will be.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden –
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy, hear this word of assurance:*

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Come, Ye Sinners

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1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

Question 94: *How should you keep the Lord's Day?*

Answer: **I should rest from my daily work and faithfully worship God.**

Question 95: *What is the fifth commandment?*

Answer: **The fifth commandment is "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (NKJV)**

Question 96: *What does the fifth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.**

* CONFSSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1 (1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one only God,
to whom alone we must cleave, whom only we must serve,
whom only we must worship, and in whom only we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe, all things in heaven and earth,
as well visible as invisible, to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence,
to such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed them
to the manifestation of His own glory.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RE Jeremy Dalton

**Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. – Amen.**

Interlude

¹In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. ²And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal. ³I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. ⁴I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

⁵As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. ⁶He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. ⁷I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power. ⁸Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. ¹⁰It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. ¹¹It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. ¹²And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper. ¹³Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?" ¹⁴And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

¹⁵When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." ¹⁷So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."

¹⁸And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹And the goat is the

king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²²As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. ²³And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴His power shall be great – but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken – but by no human hand. ²⁶The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”

²⁷And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 128**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words: William Cowper, 1774. Tune: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615.

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1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

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5. he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 6. he treas - ures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding ev'ry hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the bulletin.

The Great Thanksgiving‡

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: *It is indeed good, right, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You and saying:*

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Glory be to You, O Lord Most High!**

‡*The Great Thanksgiving*, includes the *Sursum Corda* (Latin for "lift up your hearts," which dates back to the early 3rd century). The *Sursum Corda* calls us to be heavenly minded while we are summoned into the Lord's presence. Variations of this first phrase can be found in the liturgies of Augustine, Calvin, Knox, and Bucer. Being spiritually lifted into the throne room of Christ, we join the angels in worship, proclaiming "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

HYMN OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)
Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth - Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - Amen.

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sunday School

❖ Classes for all ages are regularly available. Fall Adult Sunday School classes include:

- **Study of Ecclesiastes** (Room 11): Jeremy Dalton, Teacher
- **Westminster Confession of Faith** (Room 10): Ronnie Booth, Teacher
- **From Dust to Glory** (Room 9): Larry Lafreniere, Teacher

Next Sunday, October 27, Junior High School through Adult classes will have a combined class.

Missions Awareness Sunday

❖ Next **Sunday, October 27**, Richey Goodrich with MTW will do a presentation during the Sunday School hour and then preach during the morning worship service.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Women's Bible Study** meets every Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a study of Colossians. Child care is available.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets every Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, October 23, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet Wednesday, October 23, and Sunday, October 27.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner** will be held this Saturday, October 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Jason and Rebecca Mulkey. For information, contact Clint Bingham, 806-891-3725.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, October 30, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a study of Colossians. Child care and supper are provided.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, davis.sweatt@ruf.org, is the campus minister. Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern.

Providence Weekly

- ❖ To receive the weekly Providence email newsletter, go to the bottom of the Home page at the website (www.providencepca.org) and enter your email to subscribe.

Meal Ministry

- ❖ **Shared Joy, Shared Pain, Shared Meal:** The women of Providence bring meals to people in the church as needed, such as births, deaths, hospitalizations, and illnesses. If you can provide meals or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com, or 806-831-5447, Meal requests will be registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com.

Nursery

- ... **is available during worship for children 5 and under**, although babies and children are welcomed and valued in our service. However, in order to facilitate a restful and reverent worship for all who enter, parents are encouraged to take advantage of the many resources we have available for children who become noisy or fussy. (1) A cry room with a live stream of the service is set up in Room 1, across the hall from the nursery, located at the west side of the building. (2) Snacks and coloring pages are located along the back wall of the sanctuary. Feel free to ask an usher or congregant for help in locating any of these helpful resources.

Ushers

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alisha Donet
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Georgia Mulkey ◦ Caleb Bredemeyer
 - **Pre-School:**
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Kathryn Clendennen ◦ Susan LaFreniere ◦ Faith Mulkey
Corrie King ◦ Merrill Mulkey ◦ Henry Mulkey
 - **Pre-School:**

Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence

The Lord Jesus Christ is present with us by his Spirit at this table, so in His name we invite everyone who trusts Him for salvation and is a baptized member in a church which faithfully proclaims His gospel. However, we are warned not to partake if you do not trust Him or if you are living in unrepentant sin; instead, please let the bread and the cup pass by (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Rather, turn to Him in repentance and faith, so you may join in this glad and holy celebration of His saving death and resurrection life for all His people. Children who have made a public profession of faith and been received as members by the leadership of their church are also invited to the table. Children who have not yet made such a profession are asked to let the bread and the cup pass. We use wine in the Supper, but the outer ring of the tray is grape juice; we also hold the elements until everyone is served. Let us rejoice together in Him!

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Participating in Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – *Amen*.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – *Amen*.

ESV Daily Bible Reading Plan for Week of October 20-26, 2024

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Psalms/Wisdom</i> | <i>Pentateuch/History</i> | <i>Chronicles/Prophets</i> | <i>Gospels/Epistles</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 10/20 | Psalm 80 | 1 Kings 13 | Ezekiel 43 | Romans 12 |
| 10/21 | Psalm 81 | 1 Kings 14:1-20 | Ezekiel 44 | Romans 13 |
| 10/22 | Psalm 82 | 1 Kings 14:21 - 15:24 | Ezekiel 45 | Romans 14 |
| 10/23 | Psalm 83 | 1 Kings 15:25 - 16:34 | Ezekiel 46 | Romans 15:1-13 |
| 10/24 | Psalm 84 | 1 Kings 17 | Ezekiel 47:1-12 | Romans 15:14-33 |
| 10/25 | Psalm 85 | 1 Kings 18:1-19 | Ezekiel 47:13 - 48:35 | Romans 16 |
| 10/26 | Psalm 86 | 1 Kings 18:20-46 | Haggai 1 | James 1 |

Sermon Notes

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Purpose Statement

Providence Presbyterian Church aims to worship and serve the one true and living God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people in Lubbock, West Texas, and the world. In doing this we will encourage and equip believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to grow in our love for one another and our neighbors; all the while endeavoring to know, live, and speak the love, joy, peace, hope, and truth of God's word revealed to us in the Scriptures.

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