

October 27, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:1-4

A Psalm of David.

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

*Congregation Standing • Bold body of text recited together.

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Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Bucer†

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,

we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore, inclined to all evil and slow to all good;

that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more.

But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help.

Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit,

so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please you wholly in a new, godly life. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Joel 2:12-13

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

12"Yet even now," declares the Lord,
 "return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
 and he relents over disaster.

†Martin Bucer (1491-1551) German Protestant Reformer who ministered in Strasbourg and influenced John Calvin during his three-year exile there; he wrote *Church Practices* (1539), which became a seminal liturgy for Calvin.

- 1. Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright, The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light: 'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin; Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
- What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!
- 3. O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore; What knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more! Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late; Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.
- 4. Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain; Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign; Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home; Show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come. Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home; Show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 97: What is the sixth commandment?

Answer: The sixth commandment is "You shall not murder." (NKJV)

Question 98: What does the sixth commandment teach you?

Answer: Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.

Question 99: What is the seventh commandment?

Answer: The seventh commandment is "You shall not commit adultery." (NKIV)

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose,

to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,

to be the Mediator between God and man,

the Prophet, Priest, and King,

the Head and Savior of his church,

the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:

unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,

and to be by Him in time redeemed,

called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity,

being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature,

with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin:

being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,

in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.

So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures,

the Godhead and the manhood,

were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.

Which person is very God and very man,

yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

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

SERMON

Romans 15:15-24 ~ *Embrace the Priority of Unreached People Groups*

- 1. Christ Calls Us to Unreached Peoples
- 2. Christ Works through Us to Reach Unreached Peoples
- 3. Christ Expects Our Plans to Be Shaped by Priority of Unreached Peoples

¹⁵But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience – by word and deed, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God – so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹but as it is written,

"Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."

²²This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 7

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Based on Psalm 117; Words: Isaac Watts, 1719. Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton.

- 1. From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.
- 2. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong. In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
- 3. Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to shore 'til suns rise and set no more.

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, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your

glory. Glory be to You, O Lord Most High!

HYMN OF COMMUNION

We Will Feast in House of Zion

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore ©2015 Drink Your Tea (ASCAP)/Joshmooreownsthis Music (ASCAP)

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together: We will feast and weep no more

 We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up *Chorus*

‡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).

- 2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long ?Oh God of Jacob, be my strength *Chorus*
- 3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus*

* 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

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Missions Awareness Sunday: Our guest preacher, Rev. Richey Goodrich, made a presentation on missions during Sunday School, as well as preaching during the worship service. Richey and his wife, Keli, currently reside in Dallas, Texas. Richey serves as a "Pastor at Large" to indigenous pastors in South Asia through a combination of Zoom calls and regular visits to South Asia. Richey completed his Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary in 2009 and was ordained as a Teaching Elder (TE) in the Presbyterian Church in America in November of 2009. Keli has been a Registered Nurse since 1999 and a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner since 2006. They have five children: Hadassah, Josiah, Hannah, Jedidiah, and Hadarah. From 2010 to 2016, Richey served in South Asia training indigenous leaders and helping to plant a city center church in the heart of a major metropolitan area of 11 million people. In 2016, the Goodrichs served in Sydney, Australia, for four years among Asian Aussies by engaging in church planting and university ministry. As a family they now reach out to international students from South Asia who are studying at the University of Texas in Dallas.

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

Events This Week

- **Sunday Community Groups** will meet today.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Evening Women's Bible Study will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a study of Colossians. Child care and supper are provided.
- Work Day this Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: Workday projects include painting wall and trim in courtyard rooms, painting courtyard doors and posts, replacing light bulbs, install kick plates on doors, install sign at front door, remove cabinets in room, remove tires from courtyard, and power wash.

Upcoming Events

- **♦ Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, November 6, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a study of Colossians. Child care and supper are provided.
- Covenant Kids will meet Wednesday, November 13, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- **♦ Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner** will be Sunday, November 24, at 5:00 p.m.

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
 - Jason Mulkey ∘ Ryan Henry Tom Nicholson ∘ Trace Hunt
- Serving next Sunday
 - Brian Nicholson o Ronnie Booth Tom Brooks o Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ Serving today

• Infant/Toddler: Kathryn Clendennen o Susan LaFreniere o Faith Mulkey

• **Pre-School:** Corrie King ∘ Merrill Mulkey ∘ Henry Mulkey

Serving next Sunday

Infant/Toddler: Faith Tate o Allison Smith (Ava) o Naomi Sell
 Pre-School: Summer Shepherd o Mai Shepherd o Sean Tate

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.

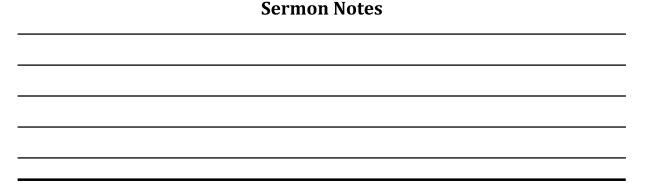
Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

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 27 to November 2, 2024				
Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
10/27	Psalm 87	1 Kings 19	Haggai 2	James 2:1-13
10/28	Psalm 88	1 Kings 20	Zechariah 1:1-17	James 2:14-26
10/29	Psalm 89	1 Kings 21	Zechariah 1:18 - 2:13	James 3:1-12
10/30	Psalm 90	1 Kings 22:1-40	Zechariah 3	James 3:13-18
10/31	Psalm 91	1 Kings 22:41-53	Zechariah 4	James 4:1-10
11/01	Psalm 92	2 Kings 1	Zechariah 5	James 4:11 - 5:12
11/02	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2	Zechariah 6	James 5:13-20



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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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