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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*January 12, 2025*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

RE Tom Sell

**Preparation for Worship**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 97:1-12

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- <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup>Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup>All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- <sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- <sup>9</sup>For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup>O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup>Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 92

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Based on Psalm 46. Words and Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1*

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

our help - er He a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,  
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.

C C Am G D G Am G C F G Am Em Am G Am D

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His  
 the prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

G F F C A Dm E Am G F G A Dm G C

great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Martin Luther*<sup>†</sup>

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven,  
and I am unable with my works to redeem myself  
from sin, death, the devil, and hell.  
Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is far more precious and dear than heaven,  
and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell.  
For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God.  
Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me  
this boundless blessing in your dear Son.  
Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me,  
and do grant me all that belongs to him. – Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

2 Timothy 2:11-13

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

- <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:  
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful –  
for he cannot deny himself.

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<sup>†</sup>*Martin Luther (1483-1546): Leading voice of the Protestant Reformation  
due to his insistence on the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone.*

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**  
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**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 100**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1861.

*Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8*

D Bm A D G D

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Bm D G D G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**Question 130:** *What sign is used in baptism?*

**Answer:** **Washing with water.**

**Question 131:** *What does this washing with water represent?*

**Answer:** **That we are united to Christ and cleansed from sin by his blood.**

**Question 132:** *Into whose name are we baptized?*

**Answer:** **Into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;**

**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according to the Scripture,**

**and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;**

**whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son;**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;**

**who spoke by the prophets;**

**And we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church;**

**we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;**

**and we look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. – Amen.**

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<sup>†</sup>The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.  
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

## 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

Rev. John D. Bennett

**Mark 1:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Holy Spirit*

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. ©2006 Thankyou Music.

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do –  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
  
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice.  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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### *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 our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. 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!**

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‡*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).



1. 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 ... Jesus, I come to Thee.
  
2. 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 ... Jesus, I come to Thee.
  
3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee ... Jesus, I come to Thee.
  
4. 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 ... Jesus I come to Thee.

**\* DOXOLOGY***Old Hundredth - Hymn 731*

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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***Psalm 121:7-8*

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The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

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## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies** begin this week. Both will be doing a study of the Psalms.
  - **Morning Study** meets on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
  - **Evening Study** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Child care and supper are provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 22, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m..
- ❖ **Community Groups** will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 22, and Sunday, January 26.
- ❖ **Missions Weekend** is coming on February 7-9.
  - **Winter Follies:** Friday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.
  - **Missions Breakfast:** Saturday, February 8, 9:00 a.m.
  - **Missions Sunday:** Combined Sunday School with Jamie and Jen Burkemper, MTW Spain. Jamie Burkemper will preach during the morning service.

## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, [davis.sweatt@ruf.org](mailto:davis.sweatt@ruf.org), is the campus minister. Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern.

## Providence Weekly

- ❖ To receive the weekly Providence email newsletter, subscribe by entering your email at the bottom of the Home page at the church's website ([www.providencepca.org](http://www.providencepca.org)).

## 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](mailto:WendyInIdalou@gmail.com), or 806-831-5447, Meal requests will be registered at: [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ T J Harwood  
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley  
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

## Nursery

### ❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Rachel Myers ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Janet Brooks  
Brianna Bingham ◦ Wyatt Myers ◦ Cate Myers

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Sara Booth ◦ Julie Kinkade  
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Cana and Selah Dalton ◦ Nan Mulkey

## ***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 January 12-18, 2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
01/12	Psalm 11	Genesis 12 - 13:1	1 Chronicles 12	Luke 7:36 - 8:3
01/13	Psalm 12	Genesis 13:2-18	1 Chronicles 13	Luke 8:4-21
01/14	Psalm 13	Genesis 14	1 Chronicles 14	Luke 8:22-56
01/15	Psalm 14	Genesis 15	1 Chronicles 15:1 - 16:3	Luke 9:1-50
01/16	Psalm 15	Genesis 16	1 Chronicles 16:4-43	Luke 9:51 - 10:24
01/17	Psalm 16	Genesis 17	1 Chronicles 17	Luke 10:25-42
01/18	Psalm 17	Genesis 18:1-15	1 Chronicles 18 - 20	Luke 11:1-36

# Sermon Notes

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## Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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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.

### The Session

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John D. Bennett, *Teaching Elder*  
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**Missions Team** . . . . . Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

**Music Team** . . . . . Matthew and Allison Smith

**Women's Ministry Team** . . . . . Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell ◦  
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*To serve on one of these teams,  
please contact the Ministry Coordinator.*

#### General information:

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.