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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-5

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*To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith.  
Psalm of the Sons of Korah.*

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**

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**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

Psalm 84:1-6

Tune: ST. ANNE (*Our Good, Our Help in Ages Past*)

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is Your dwelling place, Almighty God and Lord!

<sup>2</sup>For my soul yearns and even faints to be within Your courts!

My heart and flesh cry out in me, for God, the living God –  
Your presence is where I would be; I long for You, my God!

<sup>3</sup>The sparrow even found a home, the swallow found a nest,  
Where she may have her young near You, and at Your altar rest.

<sup>3/4</sup>O Lord Almighty, King and God, how bless-ed are those who  
<sup>4</sup>dwell in Your house where they may be forever praising You. [Selah]

<sup>5</sup>How bless'd are those who find their strength in You, their God and King;  
Who set their hearts on pilgrimage, and in Your presence sing.

<sup>6</sup>Through valleys filled with tears they pass, make it a place of springs,  
The autumn rains do cover it with pools which the rain brings.

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Augustine of Hippo*<sup>†</sup>

**O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;  
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –  
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.  
Woe is me! ...**

**Lord, help us to turn and seek you;  
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.  
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,  
when we confess to you, when we cast ourselves upon you,  
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;  
and you gently wipe away our tears, and we weep the more for joy,  
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –  
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.**

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<sup>†</sup>*Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology;  
forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of Confessions and The City of God.*

*(Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

1 John 1:8-9

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

<sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*To Christ The Lord Let Every Tongue*

©2001 Laura Taylor Music. Words: Samuel Stennett (1727-1795) and Laura Taylor (second half of verse 5). Music: Laura Taylor.

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring  
When He's the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell  
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell
2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow  
His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace overflow  
No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men  
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the Heavenly train
3. He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief  
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief  
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head  
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed
4. To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have  
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave  
To Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet  
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete
5. Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine  
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!  
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

**Question 133:** *Who are to be baptized?*

**Answer:** **Believers and their children.**

**Question 134:** *Why are we baptized even as little infants?*

**Answer:** **Because God includes the children of believers in his covenant and marks them in baptism.**

**Question 135:** *What did Jesus say about little children?*

**Answer:** **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

<sup>3</sup>**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:**

**that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,**

<sup>4</sup>**that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures,**

<sup>5</sup>**and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO HOLDEN SHAW KLASSEN

***Covenant Promises:*** For to you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. (Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; BCO 56-4)

## Prayer for Covenantal Blessings

**Minister:** *Heavenly Father, we pray for this covenant child: Deliver him from the way of sin and death; wash him and renew him by your life-giving Spirit; open his heart to your grace and truth; drive him to Christ as his Savior and Lord; and keep him in the faith and fellowship of your church.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Minister:** *We pray for this family: Grant them grace so to live before this covenant child – loving him, disciplining him, teaching him, and praying with him – that their lives would be a living picture of the Gospel. Lord, work through them, work beyond them, work against them when necessary, to point this child to Christ, so that all the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Minister:** *And Lord, we pray for ourselves, the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him and pray for him, and to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their children.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## BAPTISMAL HYMN

## *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

Words: Henrietta L. Van Hayn, 1778. Tune: Christopher Miner.

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name
2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
3. Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, there within his arms to rest.

### **Repeat First Verse**

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name

**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 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.<sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. ©2022 Getty Music Publishing.

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
 Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

**Chorus:** O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

**Chorus**

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

**Chorus:** O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death. *(Repeat)*  
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

**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!**



## HYMN OF COMMUNION

## *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707. Tune: Old Irish Hymn Melody, *St. Columba*, alt, 1990.

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1. How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

## \* 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 67:1-2

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May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

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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).

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## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School classes are available for all ages. Adult Sunday School classes include:
  - **Study of Colossians and Philemon** (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

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will begin meeting this Wednesday, January 22, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesday, January 22, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** will meet on Monday, January 27, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Women's Evening Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, January 29, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Child care and supper are provided.
- ❖ **Missions Weekend** is coming on February 7-9.
  - **Winter Follies:** Friday, February 7, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - **Missions Breakfast:** Saturday, February 8, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
  - **Missions Sunday:** Combined Sunday School with Jamie and Jen Burkemper with MTW in 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.
  - Large Group meets Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

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

## Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Sara Booth ◦ Julia Kinkade  
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Cana and Selah Dalton ◦ Nan Mulkey
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Delia and Julia Kramedjian  
Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedjian ◦ Simeon Dalton

### ***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 19-25, 2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
01/19	Psalm 18	Genesis 18:16-33	1 Chronicles 21:1-17	Luke 11:37 - 12:12
01/20	Psalm 19	Genesis 19	1 Chronicles 21:18 - 22:19	Luke 12:13-48
01/21	Psalm 20	Genesis 20	1 Chronicles 23 - 24	Luke 12:49 - 13:9
01/22	Psalm 21	Genesis 21:1-21	1 Chronicles 25	Luke 13:10-35
01/23	Psalm 22	Genesis 21:22-34	1 Chronicles 26	Luke 14
01/24	Psalm 23	Genesis 22	1 Chronicles 27	Luke 15
01/25	Psalm 24	Genesis 23	1 Chronicles 28	Luke 16:1 - 17:10

# 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*  
Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling 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.*

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