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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*February 16, 2025*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

February 16, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65:1-8

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*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

<sup>2</sup>O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;

<sup>6</sup>the one who by his strength established the mountains,  
being girded with might;

<sup>7</sup>who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,

<sup>8</sup>so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.  
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

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

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**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 164**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Tune: AZMON, Carl G. Giaser, 1784-1829.

*He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8*

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

I acknowledge, Lord, and I thank you,  
that you have created me in your image so that I may remember you,  
think of you, and love you.  
Yet this image is so eroded with my vices,  
so clouded by the smoke of my sins,  
that it cannot do what it was created to do unless you renew and refashion it.  
I am not trying to scale your heights, Lord;  
my understanding is in no way equal to that.  
But I do long to understand your truth in some way,  
your truth which my heart believes and loves.  
For I do not seek to understand in order to believe;  
I believe in order to understand. – Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

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

- <sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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<sup>†</sup>Anselm (1033-1109): Archbishop of Canterbury renowned for his godly character and sharp intellect;  
his *Cur Deus Homo* (“Why God Became man”) was a vital contribution  
to the church’s understanding of the person and work of Christ.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick  
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1. My worth is not in what I own not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
2. My worth is not in skill or name in win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross  
**Refrain:** I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.
3. As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
4. I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross  
**Refrain**
5. Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed - my ransom paid at the cross  
**Refrain** (repeat)

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

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- Question 145:** *What happens to unbelievers when they die?*  
**Answer:** **Their bodies will return to dust also, but their souls will go to hell.**
- Question 146:** *What is hell?*  
**Answer:** **Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.**
- Question 147:** *Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again?*  
**Answer:** **Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.**

**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.**

**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.**

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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.

## SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett  
**Mark 1:40-45**

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<sup>40</sup>And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." <sup>42</sup>And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

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### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesus, Cast a Look on Me*

Words: John Berridge (1716-1793). Music: Matthew Perryman Jones. ©MPJ Music.

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1. Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry

## 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 good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and 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!**

## HYMN OF COMMUNION

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Words: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677. Tune. Silesian folk song, *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842.

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1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

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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).



3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be thine.

**\* 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**

Psalm 121:7-8

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>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. Adult Sunday School classes include:
  - **Study of Colossians and Philemon** (Room 10): Jeremy Dalton, Teacher
  - **Westminster Confession of Faith** (Room 11): Ronnie Booth, Teacher
  - **From Dust to Glory** (Room 9): Larry Lafreniere, Teacher

## Inquirers' Class

- ❖ This four-week class began today and will continue through March 9. Contact Pastor John if you are interested in the class.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** meets Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Ministry RYM Fundraiser/Spaghetti Dinner:** Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. See Jeffrey Clendennen for tickets.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet Sunday, February 23, and Wednesday, February 26.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** will meet Wednesday, February 26, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, February 26, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

## 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:** Kathryn Clendennen ◦ Susan LaFreniere ◦ Faith Mulkey  
Corrie King ◦ Merrill Mulkey ◦ Henry Mulkey
  - **Pre-School:**
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Faith Tate ◦ Allison Smith (Ava) ◦ Naomi Sell
  - **Pre-School:** Summer and Mai Shepherd ◦ 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 February 16-22, 2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
02/16	Psalm 47	Genesis 42	2 Chronicles 20	Acts 13-14
02/17	Psalm 48	Genesis 43	2 Chronicles 21	Acts 15:1-35
02/18	Psalm 49	Genesis 44	2 Chronicles 22	Acts 15:36 - 17:15
02/19	Psalm 50	Genesis 45	2 Chronicles 23	Acts 17:16-34
02/20	Psalm 51	Genesis 46:1 - 47:12	2 Chronicles 24	Acts 18:1-22
02/21	Psalm 52	Genesis 47:13-26	2 Chronicles 25	Acts 18:23 - 19:22
02/22	Psalm 53	Genesis 47:27 - 48:22	2 Chronicles 26	Acts 19:23 - 20:16

# 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*  
Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*  
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*  
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*  
Tom Sell, *Ruling Elder*

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### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team** ..... Jeremy Dalton

**Hospitality Team** ..... Alisha Donet, Leader ◦  
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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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*Please contact the Ministry Coordinator  
for more information on serving on one of these teams  
or with other ministry opportunities.*

**General information:** [admin@providencepca.org](mailto:admin@providencepca.org)

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