



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 30, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-9

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- ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 94**

How Firm a Foundation

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787. Tune: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, My grace, all - suf -
 5. "E'en down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove My sov - ereign, e -
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love; and when hoar - y hairs shall their
 will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en -

you He has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
 temp - les a - dorn, like lambs they shall still in My bos - om be borne.
 deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

**Lord God, help us to consider the way, the new and living way,
in which a fallen creature can approach you with acceptance.
May we behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
May we contemplate the dignity of his person,
the perfection of his sacrifice,
and the efficacy of his intercession,
who is the Great High Priest over the house of God.
And may we feel the distance between you and us done away,
and rejoice that now, in Christ Jesus,
we, who at one time were afar off,
are made nigh by the blood of Christ. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

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

¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

[†]**William Jay (1769-1853):**

*English nonconformist pastor known for revivalist preaching,
as well as his writing and counseling ministry.*

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn (trans. Francis P. Jones), 1952. Music: Andrew Osenga. ©2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings.

1. Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.
4. Loving Father, now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 13: *Can God do all things?*

Answer: **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

Question 14: *Where do you learn how to love and obey God?*

Answer: **In the Bible alone.**

Question 15: *Who wrote the Bible?*

Answer: **Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

**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

²⁰Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" - ³⁰for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

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

1. 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

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

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 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!**

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him, was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed! See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man, and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost.
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded! Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

*** 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

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.

‡*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).

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

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 Large Group** meets this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Child care and supper are provided.
- ❖ **Church Work Day:** This Saturday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet Wednesday, April 9, and Sunday, April 13.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, April 9, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Good Friday Service:** April 18
- ❖ **Church-Wide Easter Lunch:** Sunday, April 20

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, 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).

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.

(3) Children's Bulletins are located on the back table of the sanctuary.

Feel free to ask an usher or congregant for help in locating any of these helpful resources.

Ushers

❖ *Serving today*

- Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Courtney Steele ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Talitha Dalton
Erin Herendeen ◦ Lane Steele ◦ Cateyln Steele

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alisha Donet
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Georgia Mulkey ◦ Caleb Bredemeyer

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 March 30 to April 5, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
03/30	Psalm 89	Exodus 35:1-29	Esther 2	1 Corinthians 7
03/31	Psalm 90	Exodus 35:30 - 36:38	Esther 3	1 Corinthians 8
04/01	Psalm 91	Exodus 37	Esther 4	1 Corinthians 9
04/02	Psalm 92	Exodus 38	Esther 5	1 Corinthians 10:1 - 11:1
04/03	Psalm 93	Exodus 39	Esther 6	1 Corinthians 11:2-34
04/04	Psalm 94	Exodus 40	Esther 7	1 Corinthians 12
04/05	Psalm 95	Leviticus 1	Esther 8	1 Corinthians 13

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.

The Session

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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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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

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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

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