

**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*March 17, 2024*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 84:1-4

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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!

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\* Congregation Standing

**Bold body of text recited together.**

*All hymns are for congregational singing.*

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## \* HYMN OF PRAISE 116

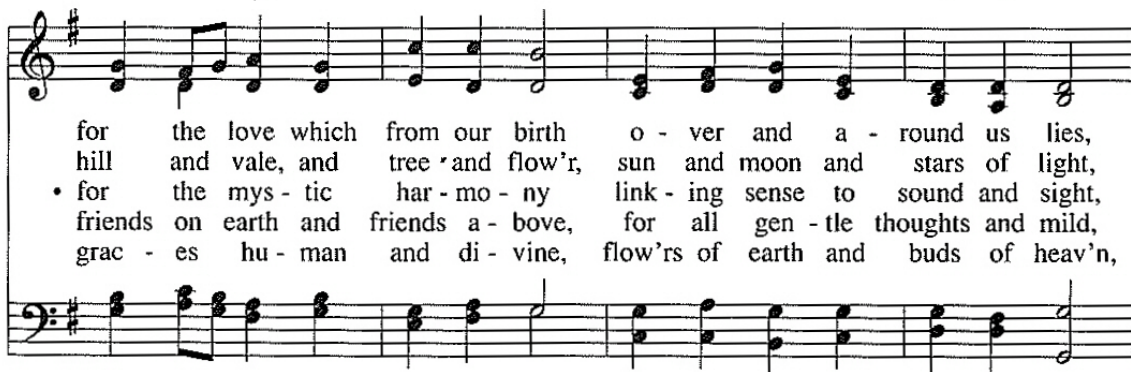
## For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1836.

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jas. 1:17*



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
• for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,



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Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Rev. Davis Sweatt

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden –  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,  
so that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. – Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE****Romans 5:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING***His Mercy is More*

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. © 2016 Getty Music Songs.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
**Chorus:** Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes, the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**Chorus:** Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**Chorus:** Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *(Repeat)*  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

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**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

*From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 1:** *Who made you?*

**Answer:** **God.**

**Question 2:** *What else did God make?*

**Answer:** **God made all things.**

**Question 3:** *Why did God make you and all things?*

**Answer:** **For his own glory.**

**I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.**

**I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
His baptism in the Jordan River,  
His death on the cross for my salvation,  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,**

**His riding up the heavenly way,  
His coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.  
Of whom all nature has creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my Salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.**

**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***

1. God's knowledge of us
  2. Our response to God's knowledge of us
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<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.

<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup>Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!

<sup>20</sup>They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

<sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

<sup>22</sup>I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts

<sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord! ❖ People: Thanks be to God!*

## \* 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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## HYMN OF COMMUNION

*Be Thou My Vision*

Words: Ancient Irish Poem, 8<sup>th</sup> Century, translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905. Tune: *Slane*, Traditional Irish Melody.

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1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for my fight; be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.



- 4. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 5. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

\* 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 our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# Sermon Notes

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## Help Needed

- ❖ *Church Work Day:* This Saturday, March 23

## Morning Men's Group

... meets on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

## Women's Bible Studies

- ❖ Two Women's Bible Studies are delving into Hebrews with the Well Watered Women study, *Fulfilled in Christ*.
  - **Monday Mornings:** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church parlor; nursery provided. *(Through April 29.)*
  - **Wednesday Evenings** (First and third weeks): 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the kitchen and parlor. *(Through May 1.)*

## Bridal Shower

... Honoring Tori Williams – Friday, March 22, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Christine Hunt, 7320 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock. Registries are available at: <https://www.theknot.com/us/tori-williams-and-dalton-plocek-jun-2024/registry>

## Nursery

... is available during worship for children 5 and under.

## Save the Date

- ❖ *Good Friday Service:* Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Church-Wide Easter Fellowship Lunch:* Sunday, March 31, 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ *New Members Class:* April 7-28, during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Bennett for information.

## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Two Adult Classes are available:
  - Study in the **Gospel of John**. *Meets in Adult Room 1.*
  - Teaching series **Dust to Glory**. *Meets in the Meeting Room (west of youth building).*

## 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.

## Meal Ministry

- ❖ ***Shared Joy, Shared Pain, Shared Meal:*** The women of Providence bring meals to people in the church when needed - especially births, deaths, hospitalizations, and illnesses. If you would be willing to participate or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, 806-831-5447, [WendyInIdalou@gmail.com](mailto:WendyInIdalou@gmail.com). Meal requests will be registered at: [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com)

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## 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*
  - **Infants/Toddlers:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Alexis Bingham
  - **Pre-Schoolers:** Avery Augesen
  - **Pre-Schoolers:** Sarah Scott ◦ Rylee and Paige Bredemeyer
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infants/Toddlers:** Kathryn Clendennan ◦ Susan LaFreniere
  - **Pre-Schoolers:** Faith Mulkey
  - **Pre-Schoolers:** Corrie King ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Merrill 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 March 17-23, 2024***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
03/17	Psalms 76	Exodus 21:12 - 22:15	Nehemiah 2	Romans 12
03/18	Psalms 77	Exodus 22:16 - 23:9	Nehemiah 3	Romans 13
03/19	Psalms 78	Exodus 23:10-33	Nehemiah 4	Romans 14
03/20	Psalms 79	Exodus 24	Nehemiah 5	Romans 15:1-13
03/21	Psalms 80	Exodus 25	Nehemiah 6	Romans 15:14-33
03/22	Psalms 81	Exodus 26	Nehemiah 7	Romans 16
03/23	Psalms 82	Exodus 27:1-19	Nehemiah 8	1 Corinthians 1:1-17

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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, *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** ..... Summer Shepherd

**Missions Team** ..... Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

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

**Women's Ministry Team** ..... Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell

*To serve on one of these teams,  
please contact Rebecca Mulkey.*

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.