



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-6

¹Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680. Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665.
Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C F#°/A Em

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

Am7/C D7 G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 fend - thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

C F#°/A Em Am7/C D7 G D/F# G C G C/E D/F#

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

G D7/A G/B D G/B C F#°/A Em Am/C B Am/C D7 G

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are repentant,
according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

1 John 2:1-2

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation[‡] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

[‡]Propitiation is the appeasement or turning away of God's wrath against sinners by means of an atoning sacrifice.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

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1. Thou lovely source of true delight, whom I unseen adore!
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight, that I might love Thee more;
Oh, that I might love Thee more.
2. Thy glory o'er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord;
See my bleeding, dying Lord.
3. 'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop, and sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied.
4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain;
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain;
Oh and I again complain.
5. Jesus! my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night, and chase my fears away;
Won't You chase my fears away.
6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love;
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above;
They are only known above.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 19: *What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?*

Answer: **He gave them souls that will last forever.**

Question 20: *Do you have a soul as well as a body?*

Answer: **Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.**

Question 21: *How do you know your soul will last forever?*

Answer: **Because the Bible tells me so.**

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic[†] faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic[†] faith:

**That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity,
neither confounding their persons nor dividing the essence.**

**For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.**

**But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

**The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable,
the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.**

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet there are not three eternal beings, there is but one eternal being.

**So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings;
there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.**

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty.

Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord.

Yet there are not three Lords; but there is one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us

to confess each person individually as both God and Lord,

so the catholic[†] religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion
Covenant Kids*

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

**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

Galatians 4:8-20

⁸Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

¹²Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Psalm 130 - From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee

From Psalm 130. Words: Martin Luther, 1524. Music: Christopher Miner.

Men begin the chorus; *Women sing the echo*

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
 O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)
 O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)
2. To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
 And live alone by mercy (*Live alone by mercy*)
 And live alone by mercy (*Live alone by mercy*)
3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
 I wait for it with patience (*Wait for it with patience*)
 I wait for it with patience (*Wait for it with patience*)
4. What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
 And wait 'til God appeareth (*Wait 'til God appeareth*)
 And wait 'til God appeareth (*Wait 'til God appeareth*)
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
 From all their sin and sorrow (*All their sin and sorrow*)
 From all their sin and sorrow (*All their sin and sorrow*)
 From all their sin and sorrow (*All their sin and sorrow*)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

HYMN OF COMMUNION 427

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Words: Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866; Tune: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arranged by Lowell Mason, 1824.

1. Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view His pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

2. What food luxurious loads the board,
When, at His table, sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3. If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!

4. O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint your glory see!

* 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

1 Kings 8:56

Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to His people Israel,
according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all His good promise.

Sermon Notes

Church Fellowship Lunch Next Sunday

- ❖ Next **Sunday, May 5**, is the date for our monthly Church-Wide Fellowship Lunch. If you are able, please bring a main dish and a side dish to share.

Morning Men's Group

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

Women's Bible Studies

- ❖ This is the final week for the two Women's Spring Bible Studies in Hebrews (Well Watered Women study, *Fulfilled in Christ*):
 - **Monday Morning:** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church parlor; nursery provided.
 - **Wednesday Evening:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Revised Office Hours

- ❖ Effective May 1, the church office hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday School

- ❖ Today was the last day for the Spring Summer School.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, 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 provide meals or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, 806-831-5447, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com. Meal requests will be registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com

Nursery

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

Ushers

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
 - Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
 - Paul Herring ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Amanda Castner ◦ Sara Booth ◦ Julia Kinkade
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Cana Dalton ◦ Nan Mulkey
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess
 - Caleb Bredemeyer
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Melynn Henry ◦ Julia Kramedjian
 - Georgia 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 April 28 to May 4, 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
04/28	Psalm 118	Leviticus 24	Isaiah 30:18 - 32:20	Ephesians 3
04/29	Psalm 119:1-88	Leviticus 25	Isaiah 33-34	Ephesians 4:1-16
04/30	Psalm 119:89-176	Leviticus 26	Isaiah 35	Ephesians 4:17-32
05/01	Psalm 120	Leviticus 27	Isaiah 36-37	Ephesians 5:1-21
05/02	Psalm 121	Numbers 1	Isaiah 38	Ephesians 5:22 - 6:9
05/03	Psalm 122	Numbers 2	Isaiah 39	Ephesians 6:10-24
05/04	Psalm 123	Numbers 3-4	Isaiah 40	Philippians 1:1-26

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

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