



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 5:7-8

⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

⁸Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 92**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Based on Psalm 46. Words and Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

our help - er He a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.

C C Am G D G Am G C F G Am Em Am G Am D

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His
 the prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

G F F C A Dm E Am G F G A Dm G C

great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*George Matheson**

O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied,
because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature.
But when I come near to you,
there for the first time I see myself.
In your light I behold my darkness.
In your purity I behold my corruption.
My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness.
Oh! Divine Man,
let me gaze on you more and more until, in the vision of brightness,
I loathe the sight of my impurity;
until, in the blaze of that glory which human eye has not seen,
I fall prostrate, blinded, broken, to rise again a new person in you. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***George Matheson (1842-1906)** ~ Scottish pastor and hymn writer, blind from youth, whose writings and lectures were well received, including by Queen Victoria.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. ©2003 Thankyou Music

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 28: *Did Adam keep the covenant of life?*

Answer: **No. He sinned against God.**

Question 29: *What is sin?*

Answer: **Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.**

Question 30: *What is meant by lack of conformity?*

Answer: **Not being or doing what God requires.**

**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[†] 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

[†]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 5:16-25

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1. O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ, our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor.
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Chorus

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, O church arise!

3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave.
This victory march continues 'til the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace.
We hear their calls and hunger for the day, when with Christ we stand in glory.

Chorus (2 times)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

HYMN OF COMMUNION 701

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1881. Tune: ADA, A. L. Butler, 1967.

1. Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.

Refrain: Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy His child and forever I am.

2. Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.

Refrain

3. I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

Refrain

*** 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**

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 May 19-25, 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
05/19	Psalm 138	Numbers 22	Isaiah 59	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
05/20	Psalm 139	Numbers 23-24	Isaiah 60	1 Thessalonians 5:23-28
05/21	Psalm 140	Numbers 25	Isaiah 61-62	2 Thessalonians 1
05/22	Psalm 141	Numbers 26	Isaiah 63-64	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
05/23	Psalm 142	Numbers 27	Isaiah 65	2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5
05/24	Psalm 143	Numbers 28-29	Isaiah 66	2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
05/25	Psalm 144	Numbers 30	Obadiah 1-14	1 Timothy 1

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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.

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