



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY

April 20, 2025 ~ Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:5-11

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

All hymns are for congregational singing. ◦ All music copied by permission of CCLI #2510011

Most Scripture References from: *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV)*
Copyright ©2001 by Crossway Bibles, A publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 277

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Tune: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

C G/B C F/A F F/C C C C/E G7/D C C/G G C

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - - le - lu - ia!

F/A C F C/E Dm7 C/E C/G G C C/E G7/D C C/G G C

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Al - - le - lu - ia!

G F#7/A G/B G C/E B7/D C G G/B D7/A G G/D D G

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids His rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once He died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like Him, like Him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now; Al - - le - lu - ia!

G G7/F C/E C F/A F F/C C C C/E F Am C/G G C

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion, Thou! Al - - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Augustine of Hippo[†]

O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.
Woe is me! ...

Lord, help us to turn and seek you;
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,
when we confess to you,
when we cast ourselves upon you,
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;
and you gently wipe away our tears,
and we weep the more for joy,
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Romans 6:8-11

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

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and live to God in Christ Jesus.

[†]*Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology; forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of Confessions and The City of God.*

1. Low in the grave He lay – Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord.
Refrain: Up from the grave He arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch His bed – Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead – Jesus, my Lord.
Refrain

3. Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord.
Refrain

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 22: *In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?*

Answer: **He made them holy and happy.**

Question 23: *What covenant did God make with Adam?*

Answer: **The covenant of life.**

Question 24: *What is a covenant?*

Answer: **A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by his word.**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. – 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.**

Interlude

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross.
While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

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

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash; ©2012 Gettymusic and Alletrop Music

1. How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
2. For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
3. Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.
4. Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.
Chorus
5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'rfully save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
(Repeat)

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 right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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!**

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Minister: *The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

‡*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).

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death. *(Repeat)*
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

*** 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**

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Next Sunday, April 27, will be the last Sunday School for the Spring.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Church-Wide Easter Lunch** is today following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. This will be the last session for the Spring.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet this Wednesday, April 23, and next Sunday, April 27, for the final time this Spring.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, April 30, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Child care and supper are provided.
- ❖ **Farewell Cookout for the Sweatt family** will be May 14, at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** July 8-11.

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 806-831-544.
 - Meal requests are 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*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Faith Tate ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Naomi Sell
• **Pre-School:** Summer and Mai Shepherd ◦ Sean Tate

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Libby Nicholson ◦ Allison Smith (Ava)
• **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Avery Augesen ◦ Paige 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 April 20-26, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
04/20	Psalms 110	Leviticus 16	Isaiah 21	Galatians 1:11-24
04/21	Psalms 111	Leviticus 17	Isaiah 22	Galatians 2
04/22	Psalms 112	Leviticus 18	Isaiah 23	Galatians 3
04/23	Psalms 113	Leviticus 19	Isaiah 24	Galatians 4
04/24	Psalms 114	Leviticus 20	Isaiah 25	Galatians 5
04/25	Psalms 115	Leviticus 21:1 - 22:16	Isaiah 26-27	Galatians 6
04/26	Psalms 116	Leviticus 22:17-33	Isaiah 28	Ephesians 1

Sermon Notes

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)

3301 34th Street • Lubbock, Texas 79410 • 806-516-5745 • www.providencecpca.org

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

(elders@providencecpca.org)

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*

Deacons

(deacons@providencecpca.org)

Ben Donet
David Lawson
Levi Myers
Matthew Smith
Aaron Stewart
Shane Shepherd (*On Sabbatical*)

Providence Staff

John D. Bennett, Senior Pastor

john.bennett@providencecpca.org

Beth Herring, Administrative Assistant

admin@providencecpca.org

Rachel Myers, Financial Administrator

finance@providencecpca.org

Valerye Sweatt, Ministry Coordinator

ministries@providencecpca.org

Davis Sweatt, RUF Campus Minister

davis.sweatt@ruf.org

Jeffrey Clendennen,

Pastoral Intern and Youth Director

jeffrey.clendennen@providencecpca.org

Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

Christian Education Team Jeremy Dalton

Hospitality Team Alisha Donet, Leader ◦
Assistants: Tori Donet ◦ Kayla Harwood

Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

Women's Ministry Team Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell ◦
womensministry@providencecpca.org

*Please contact the Ministry Coordinator
for more information on serving on one of these teams
or with other ministry opportunities.*

General information: admin@providencecpca.org

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