

**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*May 11, 2025*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

May 11, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

## Preparation for Worship

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:1-4, 11-16

- <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- <sup>14</sup>"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- <sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.
- <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**  
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**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Psalm 91*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*), Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827.

<sup>1</sup>Those who dwell within the shelter of the Most High, who is God;  
They'll abide within the shadow of the true Almighty God.

<sup>2</sup>I will say of Him, the Lord, "He is my refuge, who I trust;  
He's my God, my strength and fortress, in Him, I will put my trust."

<sup>3</sup>Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and pestilence;

<sup>4</sup>With His feathers He will cover, and will be your sure defense.  
You will find your constant refuge in the shadow of His wings,  
And His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart and all things.

<sup>9</sup>The Most High – if He's your dwelling – the Lord your confidence,

<sup>10</sup>Then no harm will come upon you, nor disaster near your tents.

<sup>11</sup>For His angels will surround you, guard you and all your ways alone.

<sup>12</sup>They will lift you in their hands so that your foot won't strike a stone.

<sup>15</sup>"He will call to Me – I'll answer; when he cries out, I will hear.

I'll deliver him with honor; in his trouble I'll be near.

<sup>16</sup>With long life, I'll satisfy him, till the time his days will cease;

I will show him My salvation – he will dwell within My peace."

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Clement of Rome*<sup>†</sup>

**Lord, your hand has shown us the everlasting fabric of the world.**

**You created the earth.**

**You are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments,  
marvelous in your strength and excellence.**

**You are wise in creating and establishing what you have made.**

**You are good and faithful toward those who trust in you.**

**Forgive us, our sins, our unrighteous, our transgressions, and our shortcomings.**

**Do not hold us to account for every sin but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth.**

**Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart.**

**Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. – Amen.**

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<sup>†</sup>*Clement of Rome (35 AD-101 AD): Apostolic Church Father in the first century and author of "1 Clement," one of the oldest Christian documents outside of Scripture. Clement was Bishop of Rome and is thought to be mentioned by Paul in Philippians 4:3. He was martyred by Emperor Trajan in 101 AD.*

*(Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

Joel 2:12-13

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

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Isaiah 43*

Author unknown.

Chorus ~ Words in regular type: Men sing • *Words in italics:* Women sing

**Words in bold:** All sing in unison

1. “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.”

***Chorus:***

“For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),  
I am the Lord your God (*I am*), **The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior**  
For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),  
I am the Lord your God (*I am*), **The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior**  
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)  
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)  
I am the Lord (*do not fear*)  
I am the Lord (*do not fear*) – **I am the Lord**”

2. “When you walk through the fire you’ll not be burned, and the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.”

***Chorus***

**\* CHILDREN’S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 31:** *What is meant by transgression?*

**Answer:** **Doing what God forbids.**

**Question 32:** *What does every sin deserve?*

**Answer:** **The wrath and curse of God.**

**Question 33:** *What was the sin of our first parents?*

**Answer:** **Eating the forbidden fruit.**

**Minister:** What is true faith?

**People:** True faith is not only a sure knowledge  
by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;  
it is also a wholehearted trust,  
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,  
that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also,  
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.  
These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### ADMISSION INTO COVENANT MEMBERSHIP BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sarah Catherine Myers

- ❖ Of the number of those who were baptized in infancy as members of the Church of God by birthright, and as heirs of the covenant promises, the Session has examined and approved Sarah Catherine (Cate) Myers, who comes now to assume for herself the full privileges and responsibilities of her inheritance in the household of faith.

### HYMN OF CELEBRATION 1

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Words: Psalm 100 (Williams Kethe, 1561). Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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<sup>‡</sup>*Heidelberg Catechism*: Written by Zacharias Ursinus in 1563, the catechism quickly became one of the most enduring documents of Continental Reformed Churches across Europe. Today it is used as a Standard by German, Dutch, and Swiss Reformed Churches.

**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

**Mark 5:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup>He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup>for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. <sup>7</sup>And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup>For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup>And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>10</sup>And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup>and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup>So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup>The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup>And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

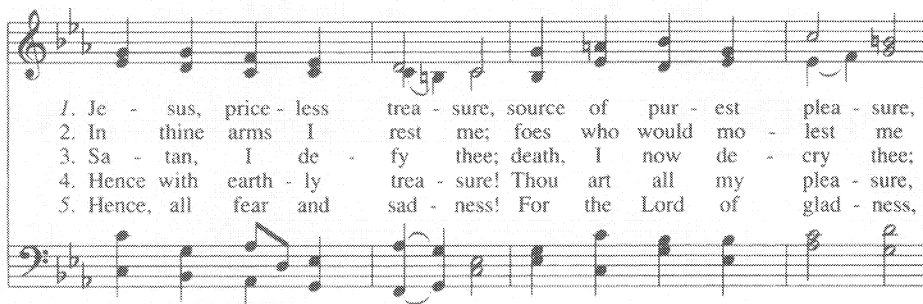
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

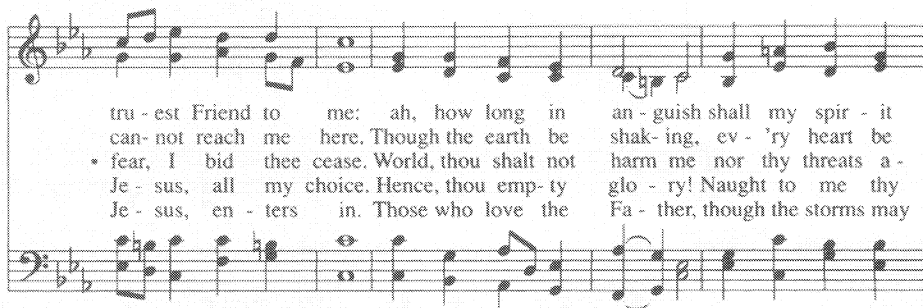
*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Words: Johann Franck, 1655 (translated by Catherine Winksworth, 1863); Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1649.


*To you who believe ... [he] is precious. 1 Pet. 2:7*



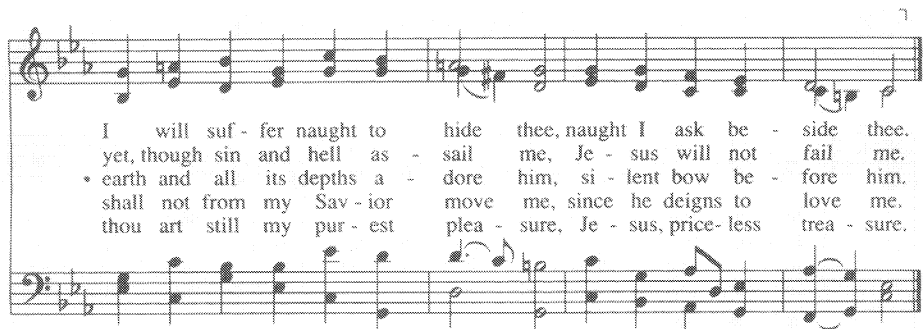
1. Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2. In thine arms I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4. Hence with earth - ly trea - sure! Thou art all my plea - sure,  
 5. Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est Friend to me: ah, how long in an - guish shall my spir - it  
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 • fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me nor thy threats a -  
 Je - sus, all my choice. Hence, thou emp - ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb!  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 • larm me while I sing of peace. God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour;  
 sto - ry, told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss or shame or cross  
 gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer naught to hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 • earth and all its depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.  
 shall not from my Sav - ior move me, since he deigns to love me.  
 thou art still my pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure.

## 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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### ***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!**

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **The Words of Institution**

**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.*

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‡*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).



## HYMN OF COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)*  
Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

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1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## \* DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth - Hymn 731*

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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 67:1-2

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<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

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## Sunday School

- ❖ Adult Summer Sunday School will run from May 11 through July 27 in Room 11. (Separate classes/nursery will not be available for children.)
  - **May 11 to June 8:** *Presuppositional Apologetics* taught by Daniel Hirmas
  - **June 15 to July 27:** *Highlights of R.C. Sproul's Dust to Glory* taught by Larry Lafreniere

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Farewell Cookout for the Sweatt family** will be this Wednesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m., at Vintage Town Hall, 12001 Tralfalgar Avenue. Please RSVP to Kayla Harwood, 845-558-5888.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Ascension Day Hymn Sing:** Thursday, May 29, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** July 8-11.

## 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.

## 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.providencecpca.org](http://www.providencecpca.org)).

## Communion Prep Assistance

- ❖ Communion prep volunteers are needed, especially during the summer. If you are interested in serving the church this way, please contact Missy Landess at 806-781-2182 (call/text).

## 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](mailto:WendyInIdalou@gmail.com), or 806-831-544.
  - Meal requests are registered at: [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://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*
  - Brandon Mulkey ◦ T J Harwood
  - Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
  - Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

## Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Rachel Myers ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Ann Moushon
  - **Pre-School:** Brianna Bingham ◦ Wyatt Myers ◦ Cate Myers
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Della and Julia Kramedian
  - **Pre-School:** Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedian ◦ Simeon Dalton

## 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 May 11-17, 2025

Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
05/11	Psalms 130	Numbers 10:11-36	Isaiah 48-49	Colossians 2:6-23
05/12	Psalms 131	Numbers 11	Isaiah 50	Colossians 3:1-17
05/13	Psalms 132	Numbers 12	Isaiah 51:1 - 52:12	Colossians 3:18 - 4:18
05/14	Psalms 133	Numbers 13-14	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12	1 Thessalonians 1
05/15	Psalms 134	Numbers 15	Isaiah 54	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
05/16	Psalms 135	Numbers 16-17	Isaiah 55	1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:13
05/17	Psalms 136	Numbers 18-19	Isaiah 56-57	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

# 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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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*

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

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### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team**..... Jeremy Dalton

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

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

**Women's Ministry Team** ..... Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell ◦  
[womensministry@providencepca.org](mailto:womensministry@providencepca.org)

*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](mailto:admin@providencepca.org)

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