



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*June 15, 2025*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

June 15, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

## Preparation for Worship

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-11

*Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.  
<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
<sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!  
<sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- <sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

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

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**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 94**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Words: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787. Tune: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, My grace, all - suf -  
 5. "E'en down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove My sov - ereign, e -  
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and  
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your  
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I  
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love; and when hoar - y hairs shall their  
 will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en -

you He has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.  
 temp - les a - dorn, like lambs they shall still in My bos - om be borne.  
 deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

O Lord, I have grievously sinned against heaven and before you.  
I have transgressed all your commandments, not only through negligence,  
but often through willful presumption –  
contrary to the motions of your Holy Spirit reclaiming me from them.  
So I have wounded my conscience and grieved your Holy Spirit,  
by whom you have sealed me for the day of redemption.  
You have consecrated my soul and body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit;  
I have defiled both.  
My eyes, in taking pleasure to behold vanity.  
My ears, in listening to impure speech.  
My tongue, in speaking evil.  
My hands, so full of impurity that I am ashamed to lift them up to you.  
My feet, that carried me in my own directions.  
But seeing that by your infinite mercy you have spared me so long,  
and still wait for my repentance, I humbly implore you,  
for the sake of the bitter death and passion which Jesus Christ suffered for me,  
that you would pardon and forgive me all my offenses,  
and open to me that ever streaming fountain of the blood of Christ,  
which you have promised to open to those who repent.  
I pray that all my sins and uncleanness may be so bathed in his blood,  
buried in his death, and hid in his wounds,  
that they may never more be seen, to shame me in this life,  
or to condemn me before the judgment seat in the world to come. – Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Ephesians 2:4-7

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

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>†</sup>Lewis Bayly (1575-1631): Rector of St. Matthews Church in London  
and imprisoned for his puritan views under James I and Charles I.  
He is best known for writing **The Practice of Piety**,  
a book which was influential in John Bunyan's spiritual awakening.

# \* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 500

*Rock of Ages*

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; Alt. By Thomas Cotterill, 1815. Tune: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP, James Ward, 1984.

*That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4*

*A Unison* *Bm7* *A*

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil Thy  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

*D* *Bm* *C#m7* *F#m* *Bm7* *E7* *C#m7* *F#m*

self in Thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy riv - en  
 Law's demands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -  
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to Thee for dress, help - less, look to  
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un-known, see Thee on Thy

*Bm7* *E7* *C#m7* *F#m* *Bm* *A* *D* *C#m7* *F#m*

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its  
 ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and  
 Thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,  
 judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

*Bm7* *D/E* *E7* *A* *E* *D/E* *A*

guilt and pow'r.  
 Thou a - lone.  
 or I die.  
 self in Thee.

**Question 46:** *How, then, can you be saved?*

**Answer:** **By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.**

**Question 47:** *Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?*

**Answer:** **His elect people.**

**Question 48:** *How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?*

**Answer:** **Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.**

**\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

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†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.

## SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

**Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*For All the Saints*

Words: William H. How, 1864, 1875; Tune: Christopher Miner © 1997

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. – Alleluia, Allelu.
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. – Alleluia, Allelu.

3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. – Alleluia, Allelu.
4. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. – Alleluia, Allelu.
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way. – Alleluia, Allelu.
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

## 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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. 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**



## The Invitation to the Lord's Table

**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.*

### HYMN OF COMMUNION

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words: Ada Habershon, 1861-1918. Alternate Words and Music: Matt Merker. ©2013,

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.  
**Chorus:** He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.
2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
**Chorus**
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!  
**Chorus**

### \* 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

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

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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).

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## Sunday School

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

## Events This Week

- ❖ ***Women's Pool Party:*** Monday, June 16, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Vintage Township. RSVP to Melynn, 806-290-7925.
- ❖ ***Morning Men's Group*** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ ***Movies & Worldview Discussion Group*** meets Tuesdays through July 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ ***Women of the Word Lunch*** meets Wednesdays through July 30, 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. Childcare is provided.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ ***Youth Pickleball and Picnic:*** Monday, June 23, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Leroy Elmore Park
- ❖ ***Vacation Bible School:*** July 8-10.

## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search in process.*

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

## Communion Prep Assistance

- ❖ Communion prep volunteers are needed, especially for the summer. 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*

- 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 ◦ Naomi Sell ◦ Julia Kinkade  
• **Pre-School:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Mai Shepherd ◦ Sean Tate

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Libby Nicholson ◦ Avery Augesen  
• **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Lily Donet ◦ 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 June 15-21, 2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
06/15	Proverbs 10	Deuteronomy 16:18 - 17:20	Amos 1:1 - 2:5	Philemon 23-25
06/16	Proverbs 11-12	Deuteronomy 18	Amos 2:6-16	Matthew 1:1-17
06/17	Proverbs 13-14	Deuteronomy 19	Amos 3	Matthew 1:18 - 2:12
06/18	Proverbs 15-16	Deuteronomy 20	Amos 4	Matthew 2:13-23
06/19	Proverbs 17-18	Deuteronomy 21:1 - 22:12	Amos 5	Matthew 3
06/20	Proverbs 19-20	Deuteronomy 22:13-30	Amos 6	Matthew 4:1-11
06/21	Proverbs 21-22	Deuteronomy 23:1-14	Amos 7-8	Matthew 4:12-25

# Sermon Notes

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## Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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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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Levi Myers  
Matthew Smith  
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*RUF Pastor Search in process*

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### 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@providencepca.org](mailto:womensministry@providencepca.org)

*Please contact the Ministry Coordinator*

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*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.