



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 13, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
³⁶Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
⁴⁰Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

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

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3. Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God
5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther†

**O Father, receive again the thing which you have created.
O Son, receive the thing which you have governed.
O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved.
Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses forever.
For I cry, Lord God and Father, mercy.
Lord God Son, mercy.
Lord God Holy Spirit, mercy. – 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.

†Martin Luther (1483-1546): Leading voice of the Protestant Reformation due to his insistence on the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1861.

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 58: *What must you do to be saved?*

Answer: **I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ as my Savior.**

Question 59: *How do you repent of your sin?*

Answer: **I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.**

Question 60: *Why must you hate and forsake your sin?*

Answer: **Because sin displeases God.**

* 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.

†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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR **Hannah Grace Clendennen**

Covenant Promises: For to you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

(Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; BCO 56-4)

Covenant Vows to Parents and Congregation

Prayer for Covenantal Blessing

Minister: *Heavenly Father, we pray for this covenant child: Deliver her from the way of sin and death; wash her and renew her by your life-giving Spirit; open her heart to your grace and truth; drive her to Christ as her Savior and Lord; and keep her in the faith and fellowship of your church.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: *We pray for this family: Grant them grace so to live before this covenant child – loving her, disciplining her, teaching her, and praying with her – that their lives would be a living picture of the Gospel. Lord, work through them, work beyond them, work against them when necessary, to point this child to Christ, so that all the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in her life.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: *And Lord, we pray for ourselves, the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love her and pray for her, and to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their children.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN 402

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1847. Tune: EVENTIDE (MONK). William H. Monk, 1861.

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide: the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes: shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

Mark 7:1-23

¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) – ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand:
¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)
²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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1. Jesus, with Thy church abide; be her savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
2. Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
3. May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
4. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
5. Save her love from growing cold, make her watchmen strong and bold,
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
6. May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of heathen night: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
7. Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss,
Counting earthly gain but dross: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.
8. May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the host of sin.
Gather all the nations in: We beseech Thee, hear us, we beseech Thee, hear us.

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. Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. 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.*

‡*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. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth!"
3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.
4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

*** 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 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Summer Sunday School

- ❖ Adult Summer Sunday School will run through July 27 in Room 11 at 9:30 a.m. (Separate classes/nursery are not available for children.)
 - **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Youth Summer Series** meets Wednesdays through July 30.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Young Professionals Brunch:** Saturday, July 26
- ❖ **Report on 2025 PCA General Assembly:** Sunday, August 3, 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 17, 12:00 noon

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).

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 806-831-5447.
 - 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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ TJ Harwood
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Stephanie Bennett ◦ Della and Julia Kramedian
Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedian ◦ Talitha Dalton

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Courtney Steele ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Simeon Dalton
Erin Herendeen ◦ Lane Steele ◦ Catelyn Steele

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 July 13-19, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
07/13	Ecclesiastes 7:15-29	Joshua 11-12	Jeremiah 6	Matthew 21:28 - 22:14
07/14	Ecclesiastes 8	Joshua 13-14	Jeremiah 7:1 - 8:3	Matthew 22:15-46
07/15	Ecclesiastes 9:1-10	Joshua 15	Jeremiah 8:4 - 9:22	Matthew 23
07/16	Ecclesiastes 9:11-18	Joshua 16-17	Jeremiah 9:23 - 10:25	Matthew 24
07/17	Ecclesiastes 10	Joshua 18-19	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Matthew 25
07/18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	Joshua 20	Jeremiah 11:18 - 12:17	Matthew 26:1-29
07/19	Ecclesiastes 11:9 - 12:8	Joshua 21	Jeremiah 13	Matthew 26:30-75

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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