



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

Psalms 146:1-10

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

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

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* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Psalm 146. Tune: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant.

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourning pris - 'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righteous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judgment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Richard Baxter[†]

O most great, most just and gracious God;
you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.
You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers;
but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all who repent and believe in him.
Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature
and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have not been content with our daily bread.
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
We confess you alone are our hope.
Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Romans 8:1-4

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

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

[†]Richard Baxter (1615-1691) was an English Puritan pastor known for his piety and quest for moderation amid the tumultuous English Civil War; author of "The Reformed Pastor," a classic handbook on ministerial care.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 455

And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Tune: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

Capo III

D A D Em A D G A D A D A E7 A

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood?
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'im - mor - tal dies: who can ex - plore His strange de - sign?
 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi - nite His grace!),
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and na - ture's night;
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in Him, is mine!

A D D A D A D G D Em7 D/A A7 D

Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued?
 In vain the first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of love di - vine.
 hum - bled Him - self (so great His love!) and bled for Ad - am's help - less race.
 Thine eye dif - fused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light;
 A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine,

D A D A D G E A D G Em A D

A - maz - ing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!
 my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee;
 bold I approach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own;

D D A D G D Em D/A A7 D

A - maz - ing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 'Tis mer - cy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!
 my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.
 bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Question 61: *What does it mean to believe in Christ?*

Answer: **To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

Question 62: *Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?*

Answer: **No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.**

Question 63: *How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?*

Answer: **God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit's help.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**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

[†]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

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!
3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do,
No strength save that, which is divine, can bear me safely through.
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear, each lingering shade of gloom.
5. I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light
'Tis He Who saveth me, and freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!

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.**

†*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).

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.*

HYMN OF COMMUNION 196

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.
2. All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.
Chorus
3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
Chorus
4. When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?
Chorus

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.

¹²The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
¹³he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.
¹⁵May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

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*
 - Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
 - Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
 - Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Courtney Steele ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Simeon Dalton
 - **Pre-School:** Erin Herendeen ◦ Lane Steele ◦ Catelyn Steele
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alisha Donet
 - **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Georgia Mulkey ◦ Caleb 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 July 20-26, 2025

Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
07/20	Ecclesiastes 12:9-14	Joshua 22	Jeremiah 14:1 - 15:9	Matthew 27:1-26
07/21	Song of Solomon 1:1-8	Joshua 23-24	Jeremiah 15:10 - 16:21	Matthew 27:27-66
07/22	Song of Solomon 1:9 - 2:7	Judges 1	Jeremiah 17	Matthew 28
07/23	Song of Solomon 2:8-17	Judges 2:1 - 3:6	Jeremiah 18	Hebrews 1
07/24	Song of Solomon 3	Judges 3:7-31	Jeremiah 19	Hebrews 2
07/25	Song of Solomon 4:1-8	Judges 4	Jeremiah 20	Hebrews 3:1-6
07/26	Song of Solomon 4:9 - 5:1	Judges 5	Jeremiah 21	Hebrews 3:7 - 4:13

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.

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