



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 3, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 15:1-3, 9-12

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The Lord is a man of war;
the Lord is his name.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

¹²You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

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

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

C C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

our help - er He a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.

C C Am G D G Am G C F G Am Em Am G Am D

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His
 the prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

G F F C A Dm E Am G F G A Dm G C

great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anselm[†]

O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us –
forgive the unthankfulness of our response to your goodness.
We have stood before you with lifeless and unfeeling hearts,
untouched by love for your gentle and enduring goodness.
Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned.
Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you,
and with all our longing to desire you. – Amen.

(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:*

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and 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.

[†]Anselm of Canterbury (1033–1109): A medieval theologian and archbishop
known for his deep commitment to faith seeking understanding.
He is most remembered for his ontological argument for God’s existence
and his articulation of substitutionary atonement in his famous work, **Why God Became Man**.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

All I Have is Christ

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1. I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost.
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.
Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life. *(repeat)*
3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see.
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose.
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.
Chorus *(repeat)*

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

- Question 67:** *What did these sacrifices represent?*
Answer: **Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.**
- Question 68:** *How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah?*
Answer: **Christ fulfills three offices.**
- Question 69:** *What are they?*
Answer: **The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 33.3

**As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded
that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin;
and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity:
so will he have that day unknown to men,
that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful,
because they know not at what hour the Lord will come;
and may be ever prepared to say,
Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RE Jeremy Dalton

**Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. – Amen.**

Interlude

SERMON

Jeffrey Clendennen

Exodus 14:10-18

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.

¹¹They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.

¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1. O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ, our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor.
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Chorus:

Arise, shine for your light has come.
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.
Arise, O church arise!

3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave.
This victory march continues 'til the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace.
We hear their calls and hunger for the day, when with Christ we stand in glory.

Chorus:

Arise, shine for your light has come.
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.
Arise, O church arise! *(repeat)*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the bulletin.

The Great Thanksgiving‡

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: *It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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).

HYMN OF COMMUNION

What Wondrous Love Is This

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1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am;"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

* 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 Peter 5:10-11

¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace,
who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

2025 Summer Sunday School Hour

- ❖ **Report on 2025 PCA General Assembly:** Pastor John reported today at 9:30 a.m. on the recent meeting.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Fall Project Day** will be this Saturday, August 9. Projects include small painting and landscaping projects. If you can help, contact Matthew Smith, matthewjsmith903@gmail.com or 903-316-3440.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 17, 12:00 noon.
- ❖ **West Texas Conference on Reformed Theology:** Dr. John Fesko, will be speaking at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7.
- ❖ **Providence Practical Theology Conference on Marriage:** Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, with Dr. John Kwasny.

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*

- Brian Nicholson ◦ Keith Morwood
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Susan LaFreniere ◦ Nan Mulkey
• **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Merrill Mulkey ◦ Henry Mulkey

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Faith Tate ◦ Allison Smith (Ava) ◦ Julia Kinkade
• **Pre-School:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Sean Tate

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 of August 3-9, 2025

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Psalms/Wisdom</i> | <i>Pentateuch/History</i> | <i>Chronicles/Prophets</i> | <i>Gospels/Epistles</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 08/03 | Psalms 1 | Judges 13 | Jeremiah 29 | Hebrews 12:3-29 |
| 08/04 | Psalms 2 | Judges 14 | Jeremiah 30 | Hebrews 13:1-19 |
| 08/05 | Psalms 3 | Judges 15 | Jeremiah 31 | Hebrews 13:20-25 |
| 08/06 | Psalms 4 | Judges 16 | Jeremiah 32 | Mark 1 |
| 08/07 | Psalms 5 | Judges 17 | Jeremiah 33 | Mark 2-3 |
| 08/08 | Psalms 6 | Judges 18 | Jeremiah 34 | Mark 4:1-34 |
| 08/09 | Psalms 7 | Judges 19 | Jeremiah 35 | Mark 4:35 - 5:43 |

Sermon Notes

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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Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*
Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
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