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*August 17, 2025*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

## Preparation for Worship

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 145:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- <sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**
- <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- <sup>10</sup>**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!**
- <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,
- <sup>12</sup>**to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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

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\* HYMN OF PRAISE 2

*O Worship the King*

Based on Psalm 104. Words: Robert Grant, 1833. Tune: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806.

*All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10*

Capo I G

1. O wor-ship the King all glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly  
 2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the  
 3. The earth with its store of won-ders un - told, Al - might - y, Your  
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
 5. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in You do we  
 6. O mea-sure-less Might! In - ef - fa - ble Love! While an - gels de -

G C G D7 G D A7 D7 G

sing His pow'r and His love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 pow'r has found-ed of old; has 'stab-lished it fast by a  
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -  
 trust, nor find You to fail; Your mer - cies how ten - der, how  
 light to hymn you a - bove, the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though

D7 G D7 G D G C G D7 G

An - cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun-der-clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 changeless de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain; and sweet-ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
 firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!  
 fee - ble their lays, with true ad - o - ra - tion shall lisp to your praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Book of Common Prayer (1552)*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
and there is no health in us.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are repentant,  
according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Isaiah 55:6-9

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

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Tune: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863.

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1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Chorus:*** On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

***Chorus***

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

***Chorus***

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

***Chorus***

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

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**Question 73:** *Why do you need Christ as your prophet?*

**Answer:** **Because I am ignorant by nature.**

**Question 74:** *Why do you need Christ as your priest?*

**Answer:** **Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.**

**Question 75:** *Why do you need Christ as your king?*

**Answer:** **Because I am weak and helpless.**

**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<sup>†</sup> 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**

**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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<sup>†</sup>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 8:31-9:1**

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<sup>8:31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

<sup>9:1</sup> And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Minister:     *The Word of the Lord!*

People:       **Thanks be to God!**

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## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Words: John Bowring, 1825. Music: Brian Moss. ©2002, Parson John Publishing

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

## 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 indeed good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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.*

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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.

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### \* 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.

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### \* BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

Now 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.  
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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## Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, August 22
- ❖ **Sunday School Teacher Training:** Saturday, August 23, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Welcome Back RUF/Churchwide Lunch/Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 31
- ❖ **Inquirer's Class:** Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with breakfast and childcare provided.
- ❖ **West Texas Conference on Reformed Theology:** Dr. John Fesko, will be speaking at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7.
- ❖ **Fall Sunday School begins:** September 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](http://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](mailto:WendyInIdalou@gmail.com), or 806-831-5447.

- 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:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Libby Nicholson ◦ Lily Donet
  - **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Avery Augesen ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Sara Booth ◦ Rose Mulkey
  - **Pre-School:** Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Cana and Selah 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 of August 17-23, 2025

Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
08/17	Psalms 15	1 Samuel 2:12-36	Jeremiah 46-47	Mark 14
08/18	Psalms 16	1 Samuel 3	Jeremiah 48	Mark 15
08/19	Psalms 17	1 Samuel 4	Jeremiah 49	Mark 16
08/20	Psalms 18	1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:2	Jeremiah 50	1 Peter 1:1-12
08/21	Psalms 19	1 Samuel 7:3-17	Jeremiah 51	1 Peter 1:13 - 2:3
08/22	Psalms 20	1 Samuel 8	Jeremiah 52	1 Peter 2:4-10
08/23	Psalms 21	1 Samuel 9:1 - 10:16	Lamentations 1	1 Peter 2:11 - 3:12

# 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*  
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### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team** ..... Jeremy Dalton  
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**Music Team** ..... Matthew and Allison Smith  
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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.