



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*October 5, 2025*

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*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# THE LORD'S DAY

October 5, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

## Preparation for Worship

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 145:1-16

<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.

**[The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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

Capo I G D G C D G D G D

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.

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*William Wilberforce*<sup>†</sup>

Dear God, I cast myself at the foot of the cross,  
bemoaning my exceeding sinfulness and unprofitableness deeply,  
most deeply aggravated by the infinity of my mercies.  
I plead your precious promises,  
and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in my heart  
more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy;  
in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God,  
and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.  
Then I shall also be better in all the relations of life in which I am now so defective,  
and my light will shine before men,  
and I shall adorn the doctrine of my Savior in all things. – Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Ephesians 1:3-10

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

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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<sup>†</sup>*William Wilberforce (1759-1833): English evangelical orator and member of Parliament who provided leadership in successfully abolishing the slave trade, and later slavery itself, in the British Empire.*

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 701**

*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!*

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1881. Tune: ADA, A. L. Butler, 1967.

*In him we have redemption through his blood. Eph. 1:7*

*Unison*

1. Re-deemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Re-deemed by the  
2. Re-deemed and so hap-py in Je-sus, no lan-guage my  
3. I think of my bless-ed Re-deem-er, I think of him

blood of the Lamb; re-deemed thro' his in-fi-nite mer-cy, his  
rap-ture can tell; I know that the light of his pres-ence with  
all the day long; I sing, for I can-not be si-lent; his

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child, and for-ev-er, I am.  
me doth con-tin-u-al-ly dwell. Re-deemed, re-deemed,  
love is the theme of my song.

re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re-deemed thro' his

in-fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-ev-er, I am.

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

*From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 96:** *What does the fifth commandment teach you?*

**Answer:** **To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.**

**Question 97:** *What is the sixth commandment?*

**Answer:** **The sixth commandment is "You shall not murder." (NKJV)**

**Question 98:** *What does the sixth commandment teach you?*

**Answer:** **Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.**

**We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent,  
teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood;  
truly God and truly man, of a reasonable<sup>†</sup> soul and body;  
consubstantial<sup>‡</sup> with the Father according to the Godhead,  
and consubstantial<sup>‡</sup> with us according to the Manhood;  
in all things like unto us, without sin;  
begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead,  
and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation,  
born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only Begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures,  
inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably;  
the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union,  
but rather the property of each nature being preserved,  
and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence,  
not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son,  
and Only Begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;  
as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him,  
and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us,  
and the creed of the holy fathers has handed down to us.**

**RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

RE Dr. 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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*The Chalcedonian Creed was adopted at the Council of Chalcedon (451)  
summarizing the doctrine of the person and natures of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>†</sup>Reasonable = Rational • <sup>‡</sup>Consubstantial = Co-essential

## SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

**Mark 10:13-16**

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<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*How Deep The Father's Love for Us*

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1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son, and make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulder  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything - no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## 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**

**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 Invitation to the Lord's Table†**

### **The Words of Institution**

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†Ushers will escort congregants to the communion table during the **Hymn of Communion**. Please take the elements back to your seat. After **The Words of Institution**, we will partake together.

‡*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

*God, Be Merciful to Me*

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1. God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.  
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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.

## \* 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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## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets weekly from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. Adult classes include:
  - **Union with Christ – Living Out Our Identity in Jesus:** Larry LaFreniere, Teacher, Room 10
  - **The Book of Isaiah:** Jeremy Dalton, Teacher, Room 11

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch** is today following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
- ❖ **Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Communicants Class** meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** meet this Wednesday evening and next Sunday.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, October 15, at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Brunch:** Saturday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.

## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Large Group meetings are Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. 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*

- Brian Nicholson ❖ Ian Schlager  
Tom Brooks ❖ Shane Shepherd

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◊ Paul Herring  
Michael Landess ◊ Tom Sell

## Nursery

### ❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◊ Kayla Harwood ◊ Avery Augesen  
Sarah Scott ◊ Jenny Hudnall ◊ Paige Bredemeer

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler** Faith Tate ◊ Lily Donet ◊ Julia Kinkade  
Jenny Lawson ◊ Ava Smith ◊ Raylan 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 October 5-11, 2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
10/05	Psalms 65	1 Kings 1:1-27	Ezekiel 26	Romans 1:18-32
10/06	Psalms 66	1 Kings 1:28-53	Ezekiel 27	Romans 2:1-16
10/07	Psalms 67	1 Kings 2	Ezekiel 28	Romans 2:17 - 3:8
10/08	Psalms 68	1 Kings 3	Ezekiel 29-30	Romans 3:9-20
10/09	Psalms 69	1 Kings 4	Ezekiel 31	Romans 3:21-31
10/10	Psalms 70	1 Kings 5	Ezekiel 32	Romans 4
10/11	Psalms 71	1 Kings 6	Ezekiel 33	Romans 5:1-11

# 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*

### Deacons

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David Lawson  
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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  
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**Missions Team** ..... Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

**Music Team** ..... Matthew and Allison Smith

**Women's Ministry Team** ..... Anne Griffith ◦ Kyla Sell  
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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.