



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 26, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

October 26, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 67:1-7

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

³**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

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

Augustine of Hippo[†]

O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.
Woe is me! ...

Lord, help us to turn and seek you;
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,
when we confess to you, when we cast ourselves upon you,
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;
and you gently wipe away our tears, and we weep the more for joy,
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Matthew 11:28-30

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

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon
you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 457

Come, Ye Sinners

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1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

[†]*Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology;
forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of **Confessions** and **The City of God**.*

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 105: *What is the tenth commandment?*

Answer: **The tenth commandment is "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." (NKJV)**

Question 106: *What does the tenth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To be content with whatever God chooses to give me.**

Question 107: *Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?*

Answer: **No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.**

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1[‡]

Leader: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

People:

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

[‡]**Heidelberg Catechism:** *Written by Zacharias Ursinus in 1563, the catechism quickly became one of the most enduring documents of Continental Reformed Churches across Europe. Today it is used as a Standard by German, Dutch, and Swiss Reformed Churches.*

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.**

Interlude

SERMON

Rev. Chuck Donet

Psalm 67:1-8

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
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let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 699

Like a River Glorious

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Tune: WYE VALLEY, James Mountain, 1876.

I will extend peace to her like a river. Is. 66:12

Capo III

1. Like a riv-er glo-rious is God's perfect peace, o - ver all vic - to - rious
 2. Hidden in the hol - low of his blessed hand, nev - er foe can fol - low,
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall-eth from a - bove, traced up-on our di - al

in its bright in - crease; per-fect, yet it flow - eth full-er ev - 'ry day,
 nev-er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
 by the Sun of Love. We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;

per-fect, yet it grow-eth deep - er all the way.
 not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir-it there. Stayed up-on Je - ho - vah,
 they who trust him whol - ly find him wholly true.

hearts are ful - ly blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

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 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

†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

Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)
Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

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.

* 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

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Time Change Next Sunday

- ❖ *Reminder:* Daylight saving time ends next Sunday, November 2, 2025. Set your clocks back one hour (fall back).

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

- ❖ **Sunday Community Groups** meet today.
- ❖ **Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Youth Service Event** at Lubbock Impact is Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Inquirers' Class:** This Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **The Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch** will be next Sunday, November 2, following the morning worship. If you are able, please bring a main dish and two side dishes or desserts to share.
- ❖ **The Communicants Class** will meet Wednesday, November 5, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, November 12, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.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.providencecpca.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*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brian Nicholson ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Rachel Myers ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Emily Myers
• **Pre-School:** Brianna Bingham ◦ Cate Myers ◦ Wyatt Myers

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Dell and Julia Kramedian
• **Pre-School:** Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedian ◦ Paige 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 of October 26 to November 1, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
10/26	Psalms 86	1 Kings 18:20-46	Haggai 1	James 1
10/27	Psalms 87	1 Kings 19	Haggai 2	James 2:1-13
10/28	Psalms 88	1 Kings 20	Zechariah 1:1-17	James 2:14-26
10/29	Psalms 89	1 Kings 21	Zechariah 1:18 - 2:13	James 3:1-12
10/30	Psalms 90	1 Kings 22:1-40	Zechariah 3	James 3:13-18
10/31	Psalms 91	1 Kings 22:41-53	Zechariah 4	James 4:1-10
11/01	Psalms 92	2 Kings 1	Zechariah 5	James 4:11 - 5:12

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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Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*
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