



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 138:1-8

Of David.

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn (trans. Francis P. Jones), 1952. Tune: Andrew Osenga. ©2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings.

1. Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father, now before Thee,
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

O Lord, I have grievously sinned against heaven and before you.
I have transgressed all your commandments, not only through negligence,
but often through willful presumption –
contrary to the motions of your Holy Spirit reclaiming me from them.
So I have wounded my conscience and grieved your Holy Spirit,
by whom you have sealed me for the day of redemption.
You have consecrated my soul and body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit;
I have defiled both.
My eyes, in taking pleasure to behold vanity.
My ears, in listening to impure speech.
My tongue, in speaking evil.
My hands, so full of impurity that I am ashamed to lift them up to you.
My feet, that carried me in my own directions.
But seeing that by your infinite mercy you have spared me so long,
and still wait for my repentance, I humbly implore you,
for the sake of the bitter death and passion which Jesus Christ suffered for me,
that you would pardon and forgive me all my offenses,
and open to me that ever streaming fountain of the blood of Christ,
which you have promised to open to those who repent.
I pray that all my sins and uncleanness may be so bathed in his blood,
buried in his death, and hid in his wounds,
that they may never more be seen, to shame me in this life,
or to condemn me before the judgment seat in the world to come. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 10:19-23

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

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

[†]Lewis Bayly (1575-1631): Rector of St. Matthews Church in London
and imprisoned for his puritan views under James I and Charles I.
He is best known for writing **The Practice of Piety**,
a book which was influential in John Bunyan's spiritual awakening.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

© Bill Moore Music. Words: John Newton, 1779. Tune: Alexander Reinagle (arr. Bill Moore).

1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!
4. By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child.
5. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
6. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
7. 'Til then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 114: *What is the first petition?*

Answer: The first petition is "Hallowed be thy name."

Question 115: *What does it mean to pray, "Hallowed be thy name"?*

Answer: We are asking God to help us and others to respect and honor him.

Question 116: *What is the second petition?*

Answer: The second petition is "Thy kingdom come."

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. – Amen.**

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

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross.
While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

‡The word “Catholic” means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

¹²On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²²And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. ©2006 Thankyou Music.

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do –
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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 500

Rock of Ages

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; Alt. By Thomas Cotterill, 1815. Tune: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP, James Ward, 1984.

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

Unison

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil Thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in Thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy riv - en
Law's demands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -
cross I cling; na - ked, come to Thee for dress, help - less, look to
close in death, when I soar to worlds un-known, see Thee on Thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its
ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and
Thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,
judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

guilt and pow'r.
Thou a - lone.
or I die.
self in Thee.

* 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

Psalm 121:7-8

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in for this time forth and evermore.

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

- ❖ **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 Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. for Youth Friendsgiving.
- ❖ **Providence Hymn Sing:** Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, November 21

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner:** Next Sunday, November 23, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, December 3, at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, December 10, 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 Beth Herring at bethsherring@yahoo.com.
 - 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:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alison Nicholson
• **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Selah Dalton ◦ Libby Nicholson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

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

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 November 16-22, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
11/16	Psalms 107	2 Kings 16	Isaiah 3-4	John 10:1-18
11/17	Psalms 108	2 Kings 17:1-23	Isaiah 5	John 10:19-42
11/18	Psalms 109	2 Kings 17:24-41	Isaiah 6	John 11:1-54
11/19	Psalms 110	2 Kings 18	Isaiah 7-8	John 11:55 - 12:19
11/20	Psalms 111	2 Kings 19	Isaiah 9:1-7	John 12:20-50
11/21	Psalms 112	2 Kings 20	Isaiah 9:8 - 10:34	John 13
11/22	Psalms 113	2 Kings 21	Isaiah 11-12	John 14

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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