



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

THE LORD'S DAY

January 18, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 111:1-10

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸**they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

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

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Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

D G D Em A D

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourning pris - 'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

G D Em A D

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D G D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

G D Em A D

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righteous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judgment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Clement of Rome[†]

Lord, your hand has shown us the everlasting fabric of the world.
You created the earth.
You are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments,
marvelous in your strength and excellence.
You are wise in creating and establishing what you have made.
You are good and faithful toward those who trust in you.
Forgive us, our sins, our unrighteous, our transgressions, and our shortcomings.
Do not hold us to account for every sin but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth.
Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart.
Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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

³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

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1. A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.
2. The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego, or sever my soul from His love.

[†]*Clement of Rome (35 AD-101 AD): Apostolic Church Father in the first century and author of 1 Clement, one of the oldest Christian documents outside of Scripture. Clement was Bishop of Rome and is thought to be mentioned by Paul in Philippians 4:3. He was martyred by Emperor Trajan in 101 AD.*

3. My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heaven.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 141: *Did Christ remain in the grave after his crucifixion?*

Answer: **No. He rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death.**

Question 142: *Where is Christ now?*

Answer: **In heaven, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us.**

Question 143: *Will the Lord Jesus come again?*

Answer: **Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.1-2

**It pleased God, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,
to be the Mediator between God and man,
the Prophet, Priest, and King,
the Head and Savior of his church,
the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:
unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,
and to be by Him in time redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity,
being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father,
did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature,
with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof;
yet without sin:
being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.
So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures,
the Godhead and the manhood,
were inseparably joined together in one person,
without conversion, composition, or confusion.
Which person is very God and very man,
yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ADMISSION OF JUSTIN HUTCHESON TO MEMBERSHIP

Membership Vows (PCA BCO 57-5)

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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. John D. Bennett

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The LORD appeared to [Abram] and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you." Gen. 17:1, 2

Unison



1. El - Shad - dai,* El - Shad - dai, El - El - yon* na A - do -
 2. Through your love and through the ram you saved the son of A - bra -
 3. Through the years you made it clear that the time of Christ was
 4. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, El - El - yon na A - do -



nai,* age to age you're still the same, by the pow - er of the
 ham; through the pow - er of your hand you turned the sea in - to dry
 near, though the peo - ple could - n't see what Mes - si - ah ought to
 nai, age to age you're still the same, by the pow - er of the



name. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, Er - kam - ka* na A - do -
 land. To the out - cast on her knees you were the God who real - ly
 be. Though your Word con - tained the plan, they just could not un - der -
 name. El - Shad - dai, El - Shad - dai, Er - kam - ka na A - do -



nai, we will praise and lift you high, El - Shad - dai.
 sees, and by your might you set your chil - dren free.
 stand, your most awe - some work was done in your Son.
 nai, I will praise you till I die, El - Shad - dai.

* El-Shaddai: God Almighty na Adonai: O Lord
 El-Elyon: God Most High Erkamka: we will love you

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of the darkness and into his own glorious light. Therefore with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and say:*

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

To Christ The Lord Let Every Tongue

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1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell
2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the Heavenly train
3. He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed
4. To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete
5. Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!
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Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 731 – Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH.

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

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School is available for all ages. Two adult classes are available:
 - Larry LaFreniere, *The Book of Job*, Room 10
 - Jeremy Dalton, *The Book of Isaiah*, Room 11

Events This Week

- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.
- ❖ **Youth Game Night:** Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Jason and Rebecca Mulkey's home.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Congregation Meeting:** following the worship service next Sunday, January 25.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** meet Wednesday, January 28, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday Community Groups** meet Sunday, January 25, and Wednesday, January 28.
- ❖ **Providence Missions Conference:** Friday, January 30; Saturday, January 31; and Sunday, February 1. (Deadline for signing up for the *Winter Follies* is Friday, January 23.)
- ❖ **2026 Church-Wide Spaghetti Dinner** is Friday, February 13, to help the youth ministry get to Reformed Youth Ministry's summer conference in Estes Park, Colorado. Suggested donation is \$12/individual or \$45/family.
- ❖ **Women's Retreat:** Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. Hope Blanton and Chris Gordon with *At His Feet Studies* will be the guest speakers.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins Mitchell is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search is in process.*
 - RUF Large Group meets at 8:00 p.m.

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 Beth Herring at bethsherring@yahoo.com.
 - Meal requests are registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com.

Nursery

- ... **is available during worship for children 4 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 Quiet Room is set up for nursing mothers/moms with infants who need a place to rock and care for their babies. There is a TV set up in this room where the service will be streamed. This room is located inside our original nursery area. Please ring the doorbell to enter during the service.

(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, Jr.
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
 - Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
 - **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Christie Mulkey
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Kayla Harwood ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
 - **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Avery Augesen

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*.

Chronological Bible Daily Reading Plan:

January 18-24, 2026

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Text</i> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Sunday, 01/18 | Genesis 19-21 |
| Monday, 01/19 | Genesis 22-24 |
| Tuesday, 01/20 | Genesis 25-26 |
| Wednesday, 01/21 | Genesis 27-29 |
| Thursday, 01/22 | Genesis 30-31 |
| Friday, 01/23 | Genesis 32-34 |
| Saturday, 01/24 | Genesis 35-37 |

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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Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
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RUF Campus Minister

RUF Pastor Search in process

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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

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