

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 25, 2026

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 148:1-14

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶**And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

Praise the Lord!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 125

Let All Things Now Living

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939. Tune: ASH GROVE, Traditional Welsh Melody; arranged by Katherine K. Davis, 1939.

C/E F C/E F Dm Gm/B \flat Gm Gm/B \flat C C/E C F/A F F/A B \flat B \flat /D B \flat

1. Let all things now liv-ing a song of thankgiv-ing to God the Cre - a - tor tri -
2. His law he en - forc-es: the stars in their cours-es, the sun in its or - bit, o -

F/C C7 F C/E F C/E F Dm Gm/B \flat Gm Gm/B \flat C C/E C

umphant-ly raise, who fashioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
be-dient-ly shine; the hills and the mountains, the riv - ers and foun-tains, the

F/A F F/A B \flat B \flat /D B \flat F/C C7 F F/A F C7/E F

guides us and leads to the end of our days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic-ing our

C7/G C7/E F2sus F C F C \sharp 7 Dm C/G G C C/E F C/E

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night, 'til shad-ows have
love and re - joic - ing, with glad ad - o - ra-tion a song let us raise, 'til all things now

F Dm Gm/B \flat Gm Gm/B \flat C C/E C F/A F F/A B \flat B \flat /D B \flat F/C C7 F

vanished and dark - ness is banished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
liv - ing u - nite in thanksgiv-ing to God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Knox[†]

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence,
because of our many sins.
We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
if you dealt with us as we deserve.
We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. – 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.

[†]John Knox (1514-1572): Leader of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland
and chaplain to young King Edward VI.

He authored *The History of Reformation in Scotland*
and *The Book of Common Order for the Presbyterian Church*.

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
Refrain: It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.
Refrain
3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain
4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.
Refrain

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 144: *What happens to believers when they die?*

Answer: **Our bodies will return to the dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.**

Question 145: *What happens to unbelievers when they die?*

Answer: **Their bodies will return to dust also, but their souls will go to hell.**

Question 146: *What is hell?*

Answer: **Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.**

**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‡

ADMISSION OF COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP TO CANA DALTON, WILLIAM BINGHAM, AND BRIAN KINDADE

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.**

†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.

‡While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. Thus, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting tithing or generous giving as a spiritual practice – that you might grow in faith and that together we might increase Providence's capacity to be the body of Christ in Lubbock for the world.

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

Mark 12:35-44

³⁵And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?

³⁶David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet."

³⁷David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

³⁸And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!* ♦ People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Great God

Words and Music: Bob Kauflin; ©Sovereign Grace Praise, Sovereign grace Music.

Based on "Regeneration," a prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

1. O great God of highest heaven occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forevermore
2. I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace
3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me
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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

The Precious Blood

Words and Music: Peter Gagnon; ©Sovereign Grace Praise, Sovereign grace Music.
Based of "The Precious Blood," a prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

1. Before the cross I kneel and see the measure of my sin
How You became a curse for me though You were innocent
The magnitude of Your great love was shown in full degree
When righteous blood, the crimson spill rained down from Calvary

Chorus:

Oh, the precious blood that flowed from Mercy's side
Washed away my sin when Christ my Savior died
Oh, the precious blood of Christ the crucified
It speaks for me before Your throne
Where I stand justified

2. And who am I that I should know this treasure of such worth
My Savior's pure atoning blood shed for the wrath I'd earned
For sin has stained my every deed my every word and thought
What wondrous love that makes me one your priceless blood has bought

Chorus

*** 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**

Psalm 67:1-2

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.

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

Providence Missions Conference

- ❖ **Friday, January 30, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.:** *Winter Follies* in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ **Saturday, January 31, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.:** *Missions Breakfast* in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ **Sunday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.:** *Missions Sunday School* ~ Chuck Donet, Guest Missionary, presenting in the Fellowship Hall. *Worship Service:* Lee Wright, UTSA RUF Campus Minister, preaching.

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.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** meets this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday Community Groups** meet this Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesday, February 4, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, February 6, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Congregation Meeting** has been postponed until following the worship service on February 8.
- ❖ **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:** Mark your calendar for Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. Hope Blanton and Chris Gordon with *At His Feet Studies* will be the guest speakers. More details coming soon!

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins Mitchell is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search is in process.*
 - RUF Large Group meets Wednesday 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.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 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*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Kayla Harwood ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
Sarah Scott ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Avery Augesen

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Kathryn Clendennen
Faith Tate ◦ Alisha Donet ◦ 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*.

Chronological Bible Daily Reading Plan:

January 25-31, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 01/25	Genesis 38-40
Monday, 01/26	Genesis 41-42
Tuesday, 01/27	Genesis 43-45
Wednesday, 01/28	Genesis 46-47
Thursday, 01/29	Genesis 48-50
Friday, 01/30	Exodus 1-3
Saturday, 01/31	Exodus 4-6

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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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RUF Campus Minister

RUF Pastor Search in process

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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey • Brenda Hayes

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

Women's Ministry Team Anne Griffith • Alexis Bingham

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for more information on serving on one of these teams

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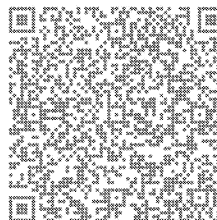
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