

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

1 Chronicles 16:28-36

²⁸Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

²⁹**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

³⁰tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

³¹**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

³²Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!

³³**Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.**

³⁴Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

³⁵**Say also:**

**"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.**

³⁶Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!"
Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are repentant,
according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

1 Timothy 1:15-17

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

¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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1. My worth is not in what I own not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

2. My worth is not in skill or name in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Refrain:

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

3. As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

4. I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Refrain

5. Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid at the cross

Refrain (repeat)

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 1: *Who made you?*

Answer: **God.**

Question 2: *What else did God make?*

Answer: **God made all things.**

Question 3: *Why did God make you and all things?*

Answer: **For his own glory.**

**We confess and acknowledge one only God,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom only we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom only we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe, all things in heaven and earth,
as well visible as invisible, to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence,
to such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed them
to the manifestation of His own Glory.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡

ADMISSION OF COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP TO CANA DALTON

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?

[†]*The Scots Confession is a Confession of Faith written in 1560 by six leaders of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland. The text of the Confession was the first subordinate standard for the Protestant church in Scotland. Along with the Book of Discipline and the Book of Common Order, this is considered to be a formational document for the Church of Scotland during the time.*

‡*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.*

**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 13:1-27

¹And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ²And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, ¹⁶and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁷And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ¹⁸Pray that it may not happen in winter. ¹⁹For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. ²⁰And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. ²¹And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. ²²For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. ²³But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 128**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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).

* 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 115:12a, 13, 15

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!

Sermon Notes

Congregation Meeting

... following the worship service today.

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

2026 Church-Wide Spaghetti Dinner

- ❖ This Friday, **February 13**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to help the youth ministry attend Reformed Youth Ministry's summer conference in Estes Park, Colorado. Suggested donation is \$12/individual or \$45/family. Make all donations payable to the church Venmo with "spaghetti dinner" in the memo line. Contact Jeffrey Clendennen for more information.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Community Groups** meet today and this Wednesday.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** meets Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Communicants Class** meets this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesday, February 18, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.

Women's Retreat

- ❖ Hope Blanton and Chris Gordon with *At His Feet Studies* will be the guest speakers at the Women's Retreat on **Friday, March 6** (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.), and **Saturday, March 7** (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Cost is \$60 (\$70 after February 14) for both days or \$35 for one day; college students are half price. Meals are provided. Contact womensministry@providencepca.org for questions. More information and registration is available at:
<https://www.providencepca.org/events/womens-retreat--233/2026-03-06>

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.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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Shannon Grimes ◦ Cana Dalton ◦ Ava
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Selah Dalton

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

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

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: February 8-14, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 02/08	Exodus 28-29
Monday, 02/09	Exodus 30-32
Tuesday, 02/10	Exodus 33-35
Wednesday, 02/11	Exodus 36-38
Thursday, 02/12	Exodus 39-40
Friday, 02/13	Leviticus 1-4
Saturday, 02/14	Leviticus 5-7

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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 Pastor Search in process

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Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

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or with other ministry opportunities.

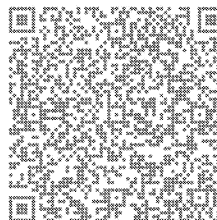
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