



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 15, 2026

The Last Sunday of Epiphany

THE LORD'S DAY

February 15, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 63:1-8

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.**

**³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.**

**⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
 in your name I will lift up my hands.**

**⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
 and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,**

**⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

**⁷for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**

**⁸My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me.**

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE***Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God
3. Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conq'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God
5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

Lord, reveal yourself more and more to us in the face of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Magnify the power of grace by cherishing the seeds of that grace
in the midst of our corruption.**

Bring us to humility by the way you show us our own sin and weakness.

**And since you have taken us into the covenant of grace,
you will not cast us away,**

though our sins grieve your Spirit and remind us how far off we are.

**And because Satan tries to obscure the glory of that mercy through discouragement,
add this to the rest of your mercies:**

**Since you are so gracious to those who follow you as Lord,
help us not to misuse your grace or lose any part of the comfort
that is laid up for us in Christ.**

**Let the prevailing power of your Spirit be evidence
of the truth of grace begun in us, a pledge of final victory
for the time when you will be all in all, all yours, for eternity. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 94

How Firm a Foundation

[†]Richard Sibbes (1577-1635): A Puritan Reformer who remained in the Church of England and authored the classic book, *The Bruised Reed*. He was also known as the "the heavenly doctor" for his focus on eternal life with Jesus.

Question 4: *How can you glorify God?***Answer:** **By loving him and doing what he commands.****Question 5:** *Why are you to glorify God?***Answer:** **Because he made me and takes care of me.****Question 6:** *Is there more than one true God?***Answer:** **No. There is only one true God.***** 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‡

‡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 13:28-37

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning – ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872. ©1997, Christopher Miner Music

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*** DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 731 – Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heav'ly 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
from this time forth and forevermore.

Sermon Notes

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

- ❖ **Hymn Sing:** Today at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Community Groups** meet Sunday, February 22, and Wednesday, February 25.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** meets Wednesday, February 25, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, March 1, following the worship service

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.

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 \$70 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>

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Jason Mulkey ◊ Ryan Henry
- Tom Nicholson ◊ Trace Hunt

Nursery❖ *Serving today*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◊ Tiffany Klassen ◊ Julia Kramedjian
- Pre-School:** Della Kramedjian ◊ Maria Scott ◊ Mary Abbott Kramedjian

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 15-21, 2026**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 02/15	Leviticus 8-10
Monday, 02/16	Leviticus 11-13
Tuesday, 02/17	Leviticus 14-15
Wednesday, 02/18	Leviticus 16-18
Thursday, 02/19	Leviticus 19-21
Friday, 02/20	Leviticus 22-23
Saturday, 02/21	Leviticus 24-25

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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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RUF Campus Minister
RUF Pastor Search in process

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Hospitality Team Alisha Donet, Leader
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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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