



PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22, 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 33:1-9

¹Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

**²Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

³Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**⁴For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

**⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Augustine of Hippo[†]

**O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.**

Woe is me! ...

**Lord, help us to turn and seek you;
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,
when we confess to you,
when we cast ourselves upon you,
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;
and you gently wipe away our tears,
and we weep the more for joy,
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Romans 8:31-35

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

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

[†]Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology; forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of *Confessions* and *The City of God*.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 7: *In how many Persons does this one God exist?*

Answer: **In three Persons.**

Question 8: *Name these three Persons.*

Answer: **The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Question 9: *What is God?*

Answer: **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**

We believe that Jesus Christ according to his divine nature is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created – for then he would be a creature – but of the same essence with the Father, equally-eternal, *the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature*, and is equal to him in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that he assumed our nature but from all eternity, as the following testimonies, when compared with each other, teach us: Moses says that God created the world; the apostle John says that all things were made by the Word which he calls God. The letter to the Hebrews says that God made the world through his Son; likewise the apostle Paul says that God created all things through Jesus Christ. Therefore it must necessarily follow that he who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time when all things were created by him.

Therefore he could say, *Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am, and he prayed Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. And so he is true, eternal God, the Almighty, whom we invoke, worship, and serve.*

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡

ADMISSION OF COVENANT MEMBERSHIP BY PROFESSION OF FAITH TO CAMERON WILLIAMS

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 Belgic Confession of Faith: Originally composed in 1561 by chief author Guido de Bres in Belgium. The confession has become part of the **Three Forms of Unity** in the Dutch and German Church, and it is considered a major Reformed confession.*

‡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 14:1-11

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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. You bid your people to cleanse our hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal[#] feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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.

[#]Derived from the Aramaic pascha and Hebrew Pesach (Passover), bridging the Old Testament Exodus with the New Testament Resurrection. Also called Easter.

**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

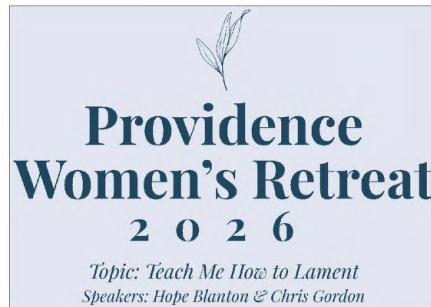
Hymn 731 – Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Do grief and despair feel overwhelming?
 Do they make you feel disconnected and confused about God?
 Are you unsure what you are allowed to pray during these kinds of moments?
 During this retreat, we will walk through a biblical understanding of lament
 using the book of Lamentations.

March 6-7, 2026

Providence Presbyterian Church
 Fellowship Hall (east side of building)
 3301 34th St. Lubbock, TX

March 6: 6-9 p.m.
 (Catered dinner provided.)

March 7: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 (Breakfast & lunch provided.)

\$70/both day

\$35 single day

College students are half-price

Pay via check (indicate women's retreat in
 memo line) or venmo @ppclubbock

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

- ❖ **Community Groups** meet today and Wednesday, February 25.
- ❖ **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.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, March 1, following the worship service. If you are able, please bring a main dish and two side dishes or desserts to share.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesday, March 4, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.
- ❖ **Young Professionals' Brunch:** Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.

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.

Sermon Notes

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:** Stefanie Bennett ◊ Tiffany Klassen ◊ Julia Kramedjian
Della Kramedjian ◊ Maria Scott ◊ Mary Abbott Kramedjian

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◊ Rebecca Mulkey ◊ Rose Mulkey
Courtney Steele ◊ Erin Herendeen ◊ Catelyn Steele

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 22-28, 2026**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 02/22	Leviticus 26-27
Monday, 02/23	Numbers 1-2
Tuesday, 02/24	Numbers 3-4
Wednesday, 02/25	Numbers 5-6
Thursday, 02/26	Numbers 7
Friday, 02/27	Numbers 8-10
Saturday, 02/28	Numbers 11-13

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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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Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*
Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
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RUF Campus Minister

RUF Pastor Search in process

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Hospitality Team Alisha Donet, Leader

Assistants: Tori Donet ◊ Kayla Harwood

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

or with other ministry opportunities.

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