



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:14-16, 19-26

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,**

¹⁶the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵**Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Scottish Collects (1595)[†]

Father of mercies, you do not delight in the death of a sinner –
extend your compassion upon us,
and wash us from all our sins that we have committed
against your holy Majesty since the time we entered the world;
create in us a clean heart,
and strengthen us continually with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we,
being fully consecrated to your service may set forth your praises,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. – 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 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

[†]*The Scottish Collects (1595): Translation of prayers from the Genevan Psalter included in the Scottish Metrical Psalters of 1595; the prayers were written by Augustin Malorat.*

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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Question 13: *Can God do all things?*

Answer: **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

Question 14: *Where do you learn how to love and obey God?*

Answer: **In the Bible alone.**

Question 15: *Who wrote the Bible?*

Answer: **Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. – Amen.**

[†]The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡

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 14:32-52

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?" ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

‡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.

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.

⁵¹And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 230

Thou Who Wast Rich

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of this 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 prepare 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).

Chorus ~ Words in regular type: Men sing

Words in italics: Women sing

Words in bold: All sing in unison

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
Chorus: I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.
2. All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.
Chorus
3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
Chorus
4. When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall

* 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

¹²The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

¹³He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.

¹⁵May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!

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
- ➔ **Due to Spring Break, Sunday School will not meet next Sunday, March 15, and the following Sunday, March 22.**

Events This Week

- ❖ **Community Groups** meet today and 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.
- ❖ **Young Professionals' Brunch:** Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, April 1, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.
- ❖ **Good Friday Service** will be Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals' Dinner** will be held Friday, April 3, following the Good Friday Service.
- ❖ **Easter Fellowship Lunch** will be Sunday April 5, following the Morning 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.

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, Jr.

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Cana Dalton
Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson ◦ Libby Nicholson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
Corrie King ◦ Eliabeth Stewart ◦ Christie Mulkey

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: March 8-14, 2026

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Text</i> |
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| Sunday, 03/08 | Numbers 31-32 |
| Monday, 03/09 | Numbers 33-34 |
| Tuesday, 03/10 | Numbers 35-36 |
| Wednesday, 03/11 | Deuteronomy 1-2 |
| Thursday, 03/12 | Deuteronomy 34 |
| Friday, 03/13 | Deuteronomy 5-7 |
| Saturday, 03/14 | Deuteronomy 8-10 |

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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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- John D. Bennett, *Teaching Elder*
- Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*
- Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
- Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
- Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
- Tom Sell, *Ruling Elder (On Sabbatical)*

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RUF Campus Minister
RUF Pastor Search in process

Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

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