PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 30:1-5

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

[1]I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

[2]O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

[3]O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

[4]Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

[5]For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Words by George Matheson, 1882; Music by Christopher Miner

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
   I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
   May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
   My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
   May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
   I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
   That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
   I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
   Life that shall endless be.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Bernard of Clairvaux*[†]

O Lord, come quickly and reign on your throne,
for now something often rises up within me,
and tries to take possession of your throne:
pride, covetousness, uncleanness, and sloth want to be my kings,
and then evil-speaking, anger, hatred,
and the whole train of vices join with me in warring against myself,
and try to reign over me.
I resist them; I cry out against them, and say,
"I have no other king than Christ."
O King of peace, come and reign in me,
for I will have no other king but you! – Amen.

[†] *Often considered by John Calvin as a forerunner of the Reformation and cited more than any other author in Calvin's Institutes, Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was a French monk and mystic who taught that man is justified by faith alone. Additionally, he wrote the words of the hymn, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."*

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Romans 8:35-39

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

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things
present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 247** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM** From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 16: *Who were our first parents?*
Answer: **Adam and Eve.**

Question 17: *How did God create man?*
Answer: **God created man, male and female, after his own image.**

Question 18: *Of what were our first parents made?*
Answer: **God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.**

8.3 The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine,
was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure,
having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;
in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell;
to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth,
he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety.
Which office he took not unto himself,
but was thereunto called by his Father,
who put all power and judgment into his hand,
and gave him commandment to execute the same.

8.4 This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake
which that he might discharge,
he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it;
endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul,
and most painful sufferings in his body;
was crucified, and died, was buried,
and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption.
On the third day he arose from the dead,
with the same body in which he suffered,
with which also he ascended into heaven,
and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father,
making intercession, and shall return,
to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

8.5 The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself,
which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God,
hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father;
and purchased, not only reconciliation,
but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven,
for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.

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 14:53-72

53And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes
came together. 54And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high
priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. 55Now the chief
priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but
they found none. 56For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.
57And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58"We heard him say, 'I will
destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made
with hands.'" 59Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. 60And the high priest stood
up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men
testify against you?" 61But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest
asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62And Jesus said, "I am, and you will
see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
63And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64You
have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving
death. 65And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him,
"Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

[66]And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came,
[67]and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the
Nazarene, Jesus." [68]But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean."
And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. [69]And the servant girl saw him and
began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." [70]But again he denied it. And
after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you
are a Galilean." [71]But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this
man of whom you speak." [72]And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter
remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me
three times." And he broke down and wept.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Public Domain. Words and Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, American folk hymn.

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
   What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
   What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
   To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
   To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
   When I was sinking down, sinking down,
   When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
   Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
   Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
   To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
   To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am;"
   While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
   While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
   And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
   And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
   And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
   And through eternity I'll sing on.

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).

HYMN OF COMMUNION 642 *Be Thou My Vision*

*** 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** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

[23]Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
[24]He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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
    - ➜ **Sunday School is on Spring Break and will resume on March 29.**

Events This Week

- ***Women's Morning Bible Study*** will not meet this week.
- ***Morning Men's Group*** will not meet this week.
- ***Youth Large Group*** will hold a Pickleball Tournament on Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ***Community Groups*** will meet on Sunday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 25.
- ***Covenant Kids*** will meet Wednesday, March 25, at 5:45 p.m.
- ***Church Work Day:*** Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ***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 usually meets Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. but are on Spring Break this week.

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*
- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
  Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith, Jr.

❖ *Serving next Sunday*
- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
  Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*
- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
- **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Eliabeth Stewart ◦ Christie Mulkey

❖ *Serving next Sunday*
- **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Kayla Harwood ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
- **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Avery Augesen

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 15-21, 2026

Date	*Text*
Sunday, 03/15	Deuteronomy 11-13
Monday, 03/16	Deuteronomy 14-16
Tuesday, 03/17	Deuteronomy 17-20
Wednesday, 03/18	Deuteronomy 21-23
Thursday, 03/19	Deuteronomy 24-27
Friday, 03/20	Deuteronomy 28-29
Saturday, 03/21	Deuteronomy 30-31

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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
Assistants: Tori Donet ◦ Kayla Harwood
Missions Team ..... Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes
Music Team..... Matthew and Allison Smith
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