

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138:1-8

Of David.

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Wesley

**O merciful Father,
regard not what we have done against you,
but what our blessed Savior has done for us.
Regard not what we have made ourselves;
but what he is made unto us of you, our God.
O that Christ may be to every one of our souls,
wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption!
That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins;
and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls.
May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts,
and mortify all our members which are upon earth.
O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies,
that we should obey in the lusts thereof;
but being made free from sin,
let us be the servants of righteousness. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Romans 5:6-8

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

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 19: *What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?*

Answer: **He gave them souls that will last forever.**

Question 20: *Do you have a soul as well as a body?*

Answer: **Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.**

Question 21: *How do you know your soul will last forever?*

Answer: **Because the Bible tells me so.**

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1 (1560)[†]

**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.**

[†] *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.*

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

**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

Jeffrey Clendennen

Mark 15:1-15

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

‡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.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.
 For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

* 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 67:1-2

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us,
²that [his] way may be known on earth,
[his] your saving power among all nations.

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 next Sunday, March 29.**

Events This Week

- ❖ **Community Groups** meets today and Wednesday.
- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** meets Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Church Work Day:** This Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlager
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Kayla Harwood ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
Sarah Scott ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Avery Augesen

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Kathryn Clendennen
Faith Tate ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Julia Kinkade ◦ Raylan Tate

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 22-28, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 03/22	Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91
Monday, 03/23	Joshua 1-4
Tuesday, 03/24	Joshua 5-8
Wednesday, 03/25	Joshua 9-11
Thursday, 03/26	Joshua 12-15
Friday, 03/27	Joshua 16-18
Saturday, 03/28	Joshua 19-21

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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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Hospitality Team Alisha Donet, Leader

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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams
or with other ministry opportunities.*

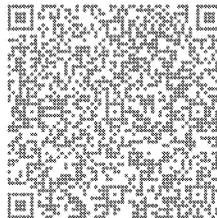
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