



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



He is
RISEN

*And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed.
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has risen."*

Mark 16:6

April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 16:5-11

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*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 6:8-11

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

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[†]*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**.*

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 25: *In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do?*

Answer: **To obey God perfectly.**

Question 26: *What did God promise in the covenant of life?*

Answer: **To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.**

Question 27: *What did God threaten in the covenant of life?*

Answer: **To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God..**

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. – Amen.**

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross. While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

‡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 15:40 - 16:8

^{15:40}There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

‡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.

^{16:1}When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

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1. How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
2. For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
3. Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.
4. Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'rf'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace – Go, tell of His goodness.
Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.
(Repeat)

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 right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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!**

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

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.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 733

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709. Tune: GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESÄNGE (*All Creatures of Our God and King*).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

* BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,

by the blood of the eternal covenant,

²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will,

working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,

through Jesus Christ,

to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

**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).

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

- ❖ **Easter Fellowship Lunch** will be today following the Morning Worship service.
- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** will not meet this week.
- ❖ **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 this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Communicant's Class** will meet this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet this Wednesday, April 8, and next Sunday, April 12.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, April 15, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.

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*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Shannon Grimes ◦ Selah Dalton ◦ Ava Smith
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Alisha Donet ◦ Cana Dalton

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Cate Myers
Rachel Myers ◦ Brianna Bingham ◦ Emily Myers ◦ Wyatt Myers

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: April 5-11, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 04/05	Judges 16-18
Monday, 04/06	Judges 19-21
Tuesday, 04/07	Ruth 1-4
Wednesday, 04/08	1 Samuel 1-3
Thursday, 04/09	1 Samuel 4-8
Friday, 04/10	1 Samuel 9-12
Saturday, 04/11	1 Samuel 13-14

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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 Pastor Search in process

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

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