



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 95:1-7

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 302**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

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

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**Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly and eternal blessings.
 Lord, deliver me from everlasting torments.
 Lord, if I have sinned in word or deed, in mind or spirit, forgive me.
 Lord, deliver me from all distress, ignorance, forgetfulness,
 laziness, and stony hardness of heart.
 Lord, deliver me from all temptations and spiritual abandonment.
 Lord, enlighten my heart which has been darkened by evil desire.
 Lord, being human, I sin, but You, being God, have mercy on me.
 Lord, take heed of the weakness of my soul,
 and help me with Your grace that Your holy name may be glorified in me.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Joel 2:12-13

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

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
 “return to me with all your heart,
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
 Return to the LORD your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
 and he relents over disaster.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 499

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

[†]St. John Chrysostom (347-407): Patriarch of Constantinople whose powerful preaching combined careful and literal exegesis with practical application. (“Chrysostom” means “golden mouthed”)

Question 34: *Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?*

Answer: Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Question 35: *How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?*

Answer: Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Question 36: *Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?*

Answer: No. He represented the whole human race.

**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

Habakkuk 2:1-20

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end – it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

‡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.

⁵“Moreover, wine is a traitor,
an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
like death he has never enough.
He gathers for himself all nations
and collects as his own all peoples.”

⁶Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own –
for how long? –
and loads himself with pledges!”

⁷Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.

⁸Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

⁹“Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high,
to be safe from the reach of harm!

¹⁰You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples;
you have forfeited your life.

¹¹For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.

¹²“Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

¹³Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

¹⁴For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵“Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!

¹⁶You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!

The cup in the Lord's right hand
will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory!

¹⁷The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

¹⁸“What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?

For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!

¹⁹Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

²⁰But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 193

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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.

HYMN OF COMMUNION

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Words: Philip Bliss, 1876. Music: James McGranahan, 1877.

1. I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Refrain: Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.
Refrain

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin, and death, and hell.
Refrain

4. I will sing of my Redeemer, and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
Refrain (repeat)

* 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

2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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
 - Today was the final Sunday School of the Spring.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Sunday Community Groups** will meet today. These will be the final meetings of the Spring.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Family Night:** Wednesday, April 29, 5:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Church-Wide Fellowship Meal:** Next Sunday, May 3, following Morning Worship Service. This will also be a Goodbye Sendoff for Raegan and Hunter Mitchell.
- ❖ **Junior High Retreat at Mo Ranch:** May 28-31
- ❖ **RYM High School Summer Conference, Estes Park, Colorado:** June 8-13
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** July 7-10

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins Mitchell is the RUF intern.
 - RUF Large Group meets Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
 - Taylor McPherson has accepted the RUF Campus Minister Position at Texas Tech! He and his family (wife, Denise; twin 8-year-old boys, Judah and Pierce; and 5-year-old girl, Lily) will move to Lubbock by the end of this July.

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 Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

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

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 26 to May 2, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 04/26	Psalm 73, 77-78
Monday, 04/27	1 Chronicles 6
Tuesday, 04/28	Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
Wednesday, 04/29	1 Chronicles 7-10
Thursday, 04/30	Psalm 102-104
Friday, 05/01	2 Samuel 5:1-10 • 1 Chronicles 11-12
Saturday, 05/02	Psalm 133

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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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