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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*May 3, 2026*

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

# THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:14-16, 19-26

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<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

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

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

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

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

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

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

<sup>25</sup>**Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

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

**\* 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**

*Book of Common Prayer (1552)*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
and there is no health in us.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are repentant,  
according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.**

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**  
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*(Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

Colossians 1:9-14

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

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Pass the Promise*

Words and Music: Kristyn Getty and Sandra McCracken, © Getty Music Publishing, 2021

Men sing *Call* • Women sing *Response* • All sing the *Chorus*

1. *Call:* I will pray rejoicing from my heart  
*Response:* Pray rejoicing from my heart  
*Call:* For in Him my victory's lifted high  
*Response:* His salvation is my cry  
*Call:* He has overcome my enemies  
*Response:* Our praises scorn the enemy  
*Call:* I delight in His deliverance  
*Response:* The Lord is our deliverance  
**Chorus:** Pass the promise to our sons and daughters  
God most high, God our Father – We bear witness
  
2. *Call:* There is no one holy like the Lord  
*Response:* Holy, holy is the Lord  
*Call:* Our Rock and refuge is our God  
*Response:* All the earth belongs to God  
*Call:* Do not speak with pride of noble deeds  
*Response:* The Lord will weigh our every deed  
*Call:* See the strong have lost, the weak have gained  
*Response:* And from the dust my life He raised  
**Chorus:** Pass the promise to our sons and daughters  
God most high, God our Father – We bear witness

3. *Call:* He will guard the feet of faithful ones  
*Response:* He will hold His faithful ones  
*Call:* But the wicked they will not prevail  
*Response:* Not by might will man prevail  
*Call:* He is coming soon to judge the earth  
*Response:* He is coming soon to judge the earth  
*Call:* For the Lord gives power to His King  
*Response:* All Strength to His Anointed King  
***Chorus:*** Pass the promise to our sons and daughters  
 God most high, God our Father – We bear witness **(Repeat)**  
***Chorus:*** Pass the promise to our sons and daughters  
 God most high, God our Father – We bear witness  
 We bear witness – We bear witness

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

- Question 37:** *What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?*  
**Answer:** **We are all born guilty and sinful.**
- Question 38:** *How sinful are you by nature?*  
**Answer:** **I am corrupt in every part of my being.**
- Question 39:** *What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called?*  
**Answer:** **Original sin.**

**\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

- <sup>5</sup>**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,**  
<sup>6</sup>**who, though he was in the form of God,**  
**did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**  
<sup>7</sup>**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,**  
**being born in the likeness of men.**  
<sup>8</sup>**And being found in human form,**  
**he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,**  
**even death on a cross.**  
<sup>9</sup>**Therefore God has highly exalted him**  
**and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**  
<sup>10</sup>**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,**  
**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**  
<sup>11</sup>**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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 3:1-19*

<sup>1</sup>A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, I have heard the report of you,  
and your work, O Lord, do I fear.  
In the midst of the years revive it;  
in the midst of the years make it known;  
in wrath remember mercy.

<sup>3</sup>God came from Teman,  
and the Holy One from Mount Paran. ... *Selah*  
His splendor covered the heavens,  
and the earth was full of his praise.

<sup>4</sup>His brightness was like the light;  
rays flashed from his hand;  
and there he veiled his power.

<sup>5</sup>Before him went pestilence,  
and plague followed at his heels.

<sup>6</sup>He stood and measured the earth;  
he looked and shook the nations;

‡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.

then the eternal mountains were scattered;  
the everlasting hills sank low.

His were the everlasting ways.

<sup>7</sup>I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;  
the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

<sup>8</sup>Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord?  
Was your anger against the rivers,  
or your indignation against the sea,  
when you rode on your horses,  
on your chariot of salvation?

<sup>9</sup>You stripped the sheath from your bow,  
calling for many arrows. ... *Selah*  
You split the earth with rivers.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains saw you and writhed;  
the raging waters swept on;  
the deep gave forth its voice;  
it lifted its hands on high.

<sup>11</sup>The sun and moon stood still in their place  
at the light of your arrows as they sped,  
at the flash of your glittering spear.

<sup>12</sup>You marched through the earth in fury;  
you threshed the nations in anger.

<sup>13</sup>You went out for the salvation of your people,  
for the salvation of your anointed.  
You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,  
laying him bare from thigh to neck. ... *Selah*

<sup>14</sup>You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors,  
who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,  
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

<sup>15</sup>You trampled the sea with your horses,  
the surging of mighty waters.

<sup>16</sup>I hear, and my body trembles;  
my lips quiver at the sound;  
rottenness enters into my bones;  
my legs tremble beneath me.

Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble  
to come upon people who invade us.

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
<sup>19</sup>God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.*

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

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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 I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?  
**Chorus**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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### **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<sup>†</sup>**

### **The Words of Institution**

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<sup>†</sup>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**

Psalm 67:1-2

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

**Events This Week**

- ❖ **Church-Wide Fellowship Meal** following the Morning Worship Service. This will also be a Goodbye Sendoff for Raegan and Hunter Mitchell.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Inquirers Class:** Saturday, May 9. Contact Pastor John for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

- ❖ **Young Professionals Brunch:** Saturday, May 23
- ❖ **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.
  - 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.providencepc.org](http://www.providencepc.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](mailto:bethsherring@yahoo.com).

- Meal requests are registered at: [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://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 Schlager  
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring  
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

## Nursery

### ❖ *Serving today*

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

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey  
• **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ 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: May 3-9, 2026**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Text</i></b>
Sunday, 05/03	Psalm 106-107
Monday, 05/04	2 Samuel 5:11 - 6:23 • 1 Chronicles 13-16
Tuesday, 05/05	Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68
Wednesday, 05/06	Psalm 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132
Thursday, 05/07	2 Samuel 7 • 1 Chronicles 17
Friday, 05/08	Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
Saturday, 05/09	2 Samuel 8-9 • 1 Chronicles 18

# Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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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 Pastor Search in process*

### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team** ..... Jeremy Dalton

**Hospitality Team** ..... Alisha Donet, Leader

Assistants: Tori Donet ◦ Kayla Harwood

**Missions Team** ..... Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

**Music Team** ..... Matthew and Allison Smith

**Women's Ministry** ..... [womensministry@providencepca.org](mailto:womensministry@providencepca.org)

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

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