

**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*June 21, 2026*

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*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

# THE LORD'S DAY

June 21, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

## Preparation for Worship

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 145:1-16

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<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup>**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!**

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup>**to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**[The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.]**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE 2**

*O Worship the King*

\* **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennet

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*William Wilberforce*<sup>†</sup>

**Dear God, I cast myself at the foot of the cross,  
bewailing my exceeding sinfulness and unprofitableness deeply,  
most deeply aggravated by the infinity of my mercies.  
I plead your precious promises,  
and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in my heart  
more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy;  
in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God,  
and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.  
Then I shall also be better in all the relations of life in which I am now so defective,  
and my light will shine before men,  
and I shall adorn the doctrine of my Savior in all things. – Amen.**

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<sup>†</sup>*William Wilberforce (1759-1833): English evangelical orator and member of Parliament who provided leadership in successfully abolishing the slave trade, and later slavery itself, in the British Empire.*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

Ephesians 1:3-10

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

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 701**

*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

*From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 59:** *How do you repent of your sin?*

**Answer:** **I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.**

**Question 60:** *Why must you hate and forsake your sin?*

**Answer:** **Because sin displeases God.**

**Question 61:** *What does it mean to believe in Christ?*

**Answer:** **To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

**We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent,  
teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood;  
truly God and truly man, of a reasonable<sup>†</sup> soul and body;  
consubstantial<sup>‡</sup> with the Father according to the Godhead,  
and consubstantial<sup>‡</sup> with us according to the Manhood;  
in all things like unto us, without sin;  
begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead,  
and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation,  
born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only Begotten,  
to be acknowledged in two natures,  
inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably;  
the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union,  
but rather the property of each nature being preserved,  
and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence,  
not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son,  
and Only Begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;  
as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him,  
and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us,  
and the creed of the holy fathers has handed down to us.**

**RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡**

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*The Chalcedonian Creed was adopted at the Council of Chalcedon (451)  
summarizing the doctrine of the person and natures of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>†</sup>Reasonable = Rational • <sup>‡</sup>Consubstantial = Co-essential

*‡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  
*Philippians 2:5-11*

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<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.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738; Tune: SAGINA; Thomas Campbell, 1825

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1. And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
2. 'Tis myst'ry all: Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
3. He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!)  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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## 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before all time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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<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.

\**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

*All Glory Be to Christ*

Words: Dustin Kensrue © 2012 Dead Bird Theology/We Are Younger We Are Faster; Tune: AULD LANG SYNE, Traditional Scottish Melody

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain the builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!  
**Chorus:** All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!
2. His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above;  
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!  
**Chorus**
3. When on the day the great I AM, the Faithful and the True;  
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain, is making all things new,  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,  
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!  
**Chorus**

## \* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 731

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709. Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

<sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup>the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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## Summer Sunday School

- ❖ **Room 10:** Through July 26, Larry LaFreniere will facilitate a video teaching series on "Reformation 101" with Dr. Stephen Nichols. (No separate children's classes will be available.)

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Women of the Word (WWW) Lunch:** Wednesdays in June and July, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. This is a bring-your-own lunch time of fellowship.
- ❖ **Youth Bible Study:** Thursday, June 25, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Youth Pool Party** Monday, June 29, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Vintage Township
- ❖ **Youth Home Groups:** Tuesday, June 30, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Church-wide Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, July 5, 12:00 noon
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** July 7-10

## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ 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) plan to move to Lubbock soon.

## 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.providencecpca.org](http://www.providencecpca.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.

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## 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:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey
  - **Pre-School:** Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herenden ◦ Catelyn Steele
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Brianna Bingham
  - **Pre-School:** 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: June 21-27, 2026**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Text</i></b>
Sunday, 06/21	1 Kings 10-11 • 2 Chronicles 9
Monday, 06/22	Proverbs 30-31
Tuesday, 06/23	1 Kings 12-14
Wednesday, 06/24	2 Chronicles 10-12
Thursday, 06/25	1 Kings 15:1-24 • 2 Chronicles 13-16
Friday, 06/26	1 Kings 15:25 - 16:34 • 2 Chronicles 17
Saturday, 06/27	1 Kings 17-19

# 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*  
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Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*  
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#### Taylor McPherson

Incoming RUF Campus Minister

### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

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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.*

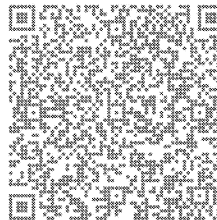
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