

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

²⁸Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

²⁹**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

³⁰tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

³¹**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Father, Long Before Creation

Words: Chinese hymn (trans. Francis P. Jones), 1952. Music: Andrew Osenga. ©2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings.

1. Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

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

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3. God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father, now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

* 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.**

(Silent Confession)

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

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Words: John Bowring, 1825. Music: Brian Moss. ©2002, Parson John Publishing

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 68: *How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah?*

Answer: **Christ fulfills three offices.**

Question 69: *What are they?*

Answer: **The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.**

Question 70: *How is Christ your prophet?*

Answer: **Christ teaches me the will of God.**

**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.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS *

VBS Kids – Christmas Sanctus

[†]*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.*

**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 2:19-30

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 498

Jesus! What Friend for Sinners!

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. 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[†]

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.

**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 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

*** DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 731

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

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

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

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

- ❖ **Communicants Class:** Sunday, July 12, 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Home Groups:** Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Women of the Word (WWW) Lunch:** Wednesdays through the end of July, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. This is a bring-your-own lunch time of fellowship. Child care is available by request; RSVP to admin@providencepca.org by 2:00 p.m. Tuesday
- ❖ **Youth Bible Study:** Wednesday, July 16, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Young Professionals:** Outing on Saturday, July 25

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Taylor McPherson is the new RUF Campus Minister at Texas Tech! We welcome him and his family: wife, Denise; twin 8-year-old boys, Judah and Pierce; and 5-year-old girl, Lily.

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.

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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith, Jr.

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Katie Davis ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
Sarah Scott ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Wendy Wilkerson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Kathryn Clendennen
Faith Tate ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Ava Smith

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: July 12-18, 2026

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Text</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday, 07/12 | Amos 6-9 |
| Monday, 07/13 | 2 Chronicles 27 • Isaiah 9-12 |
| Tuesday, 07/14 | Micah 1-7 |
| Wednesday, 07/15 | 2 Chronicles 28 • 2 Kings 16-17 |
| Thursday, 07/16 | Isaiah 13-17 |
| Friday, 07/17 | Isaiah 18-22 |
| Saturday, 07/18 | Isaiah 23-27 |

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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*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
Tom Sell, *Ruling Elder (On Sabbatical)*

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Incoming RUF Campus Minister

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Christian Education Team Jeremy Dalton

Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

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for more information on serving on one of these teams

or with other ministry opportunities.

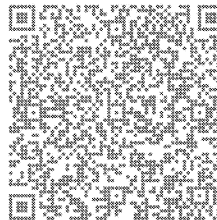
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