



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*July 19, 2026*

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*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

# THE LORD'S DAY

July 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

## Preparation for Worship

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 89:1-5, 13-15

*A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

<sup>3</sup>You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**“I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.”**

<sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

<sup>13</sup>**You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.**

<sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

<sup>15</sup>**Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face.**

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

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**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

Psalm 89:1-8, 14-18

Tune: ODE TO JOY (*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*), Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824.

<sup>1</sup>I'll sing the Lord's love forever, with my mouth I'll make Him known;

<sup>2</sup>Faithfulness which leaves us never; His love is upon the throne!

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a cov'nant with the chosen of My hand –

<sup>4</sup>David is My chosen servant; his throne will forever stand."

*(Selah)*

<sup>5</sup>Heav'n declares Your wonders, Lord; Your faithfulness 'midst holy ones;

<sup>6</sup>Who is like the Lord in skies above or midst the heav'nly ones?

<sup>7</sup>In the council of the holy, God is greatly to be feared.

<sup>8</sup>Lord Almighty, who is like You? You are faithful and revered!

<sup>14</sup>Your throne rests upon true justice; love and faithfulness are Yours.

<sup>15</sup>Bless'd are those who do acclaim You, and walk in Your light, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>All day long they praise Your glory, find joy in Your holy name.

<sup>17/18</sup>Your great strength is all their story – Holy One of Isr'el's fame!

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Bernard of Clairvaux<sup>†</sup>*

**O Lord, come quickly and reign on your throne,**

**for now something often rises up within me,**

**and tries to take possession of your throne:**

**pride, covetousness, uncleanness, and sloth want to be my kings,**

**and then evil-speaking, anger, hatred,**

**and the whole train of vices join with me in warring against myself,**

**and try to reign over me.**

**I resist them; I cry out against them, and say,**

**"I have no other king than Christ."**

**O King of peace, come and reign in me, for I will have no other king but you! – Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

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<sup>†</sup>*Often considered by John Calvin as a forerunner of the Reformation and cited more than any other author in Calvin's Institutes, Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was a French monk and mystic who taught that man is justified by faith alone. Additionally, he wrote the words to the hymn, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."*

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

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*God, Be Merciful to Me*

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1. God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

**Question 71:** *How is Christ your priest?*

**Answer:** Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.

**Question 72:** *How is Christ your king?*

**Answer:** Christ rules over me, the world, and Satan, and he defends me.

**Question 73:** *Why do you need Christ as your prophet?*

**Answer:** Because I am ignorant by nature.

**\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.3-5*

<sup>8.3</sup>**The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.**

<sup>8.4</sup>**This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.**

<sup>8.5</sup>**The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.**

## 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

*Philippians 3:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup>Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh – <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*★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.*

## 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

## *The Precious Blood*

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Based of "The Precious Blood," a prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

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1. Before the cross I kneel and see the measure of my sin  
How You became a curse for me though You were innocent  
The magnitude of Your great love was shown in full degree  
When righteous blood, the crimson spill rained down from Calvary

### ***Chorus:***

Oh, the precious blood that flowed from Mercy's side  
Washed away my sin when Christ my Savior died  
Oh, the precious blood of Christ the crucified  
It speaks for me before Your throne  
Where I stand justified

2. And who am I that I should know this treasure of such worth  
My Savior's pure atoning blood shed for the wrath I'd earned  
For sin has stained my every deed my every word and thought  
What wondrous love that makes me one your priceless blood has bought

### ***Chorus***

## **\* DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 731

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

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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**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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## Summer Sunday School

- ❖ Today was the conclusion of “Reformation 101.” This class has been facilitated by Larry LaFreniere and Jeffrey Clendennen.
- ❖ **Next Sunday, July 26:** Pastor John will give a report of the 2026 PCA General Assembly.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men’s Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.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
- ❖ **Young Professionals:** Outing on Saturday, July 25, to Carlsbad Caverns

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Youth Home Groups:** Tuesday, July 28, 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Youth Bible Study:** Thursday, July 30, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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*

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

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

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

## ***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 19-25, 2026**

| <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Text</i></b>                             |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 07/19      | 2 Kings 18:1-8 • 2 Chronicles 29-31 • Psalm 48 |
| Monday, 07/20      | Hosea 1-7                                      |
| Tuesday, 07/21     | Hosea 8-14                                     |
| Wednesday, 07/22   | Isaiah 28-30                                   |
| Thursday, 07/23    | Isaiah 31-34                                   |
| Friday, 07/24      | Isaiah 35-36                                   |
| Saturday, 07/25    | Isaiah 37-39 • Psalm 76                        |

## 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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**Taylor McPherson**

Incoming RUF Campus Minister

### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams*

*or with other ministry opportunities.*

**General information:** [admin@providencepca.org](mailto:admin@providencepca.org)

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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