

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

July 26, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 63:1-8

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸**My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Calvin[†]

**Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father,
we confess and acknowledge without pretense before your holy Majesty,
that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption;
prone to do what is evil, incapable of any good;
and that in our depravity,
we endlessly transgress your holy commandments.
And so, in your just judgement, we deserve ruin.
But Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended you,
and we condemn ourselves and vices with true repentance,
longing for your grace to relieve our distress.
May you, therefore, have mercy upon us,
most gentle and merciful God and Father,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And as you blot out our vices and blemishes,
extend and increase the graces of your Holy Spirit to us day by day,
so that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart,
we might feel sorrow that gives birth to true penitence,
which as we mortify our sins
may produce fruits of righteousness and innocence pleasing to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

[†]John Calvin (1509-1564): French theologian and longtime pastor in Geneva, Switzerland;
key figure of the Reformation and a forefather of Reformed theology and Presbyterianism;
author of *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, a classic text and seminal work for the Protestant Reformation.

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

¹⁶O Lord, by these things men live,
and in all these is the life of my spirit.
Oh restore me to health and make me live!

¹⁷Behold, it was for my welfare
that I had great bitterness;
but in love you have delivered my life
from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

¹⁸For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you;
those who go down to the pit do not hope
for your faithfulness.

¹⁹The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day;
the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.

²⁰The Lord will save me,
and we will play my music on stringed instruments
all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

We Will Feast in House of Zion

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Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Question 74: *Why do you need Christ as your priest?*

Answer: **Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.**

Question 75: *Why do you need Christ as your king?*

Answer: **Because I am weak and helpless.**

Question 76: *How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?*

Answer: **Ten commandments.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

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

Philippians 3:10-16

...¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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.

1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

5. By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight *(repeat)*

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).

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 731

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

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

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.

Sermon Notes

Summer Sunday School

- ❖ Today was the conclusion of Summer Sunday School. Watch for details of the upcoming Fall Sunday School.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Home Groups:** Tuesday, July 28, 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Women of the Word (WWW) Lunch:** Final lunch of the summer this Wednesday from 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:** Thursday, July 30, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, August 7, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Volunteer Teacher Training:** Saturday, August 29, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 30.
- ❖ **Save the Date:** *Providence 25th Anniversary Celebration*, October 24-25, 2026. Details to follow.

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*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Cate Myers
Rachel Myers ◦ Julia Kinkade ◦ Emily Myers ◦ Wyatt Myers

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 26 to August 1, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 07/26	Isaiah 40-43
Monday, 07/27	Isaiah 44-48
Tuesday, 07/28	2 Kings 18:9 - 19:37 • Psalm 46, 80, 135
Wednesday, 07/29	Isaiah 49-53
Thursday, 07/30	Isaiah 54-58
Friday, 07/31	Isaiah 59-63
Saturday, 08/01	Isaiah 64-66

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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

(elders@providencepca.org)

John D. Bennett, *Teaching Elder*
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Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
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Incoming RUF Campus Minister

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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.

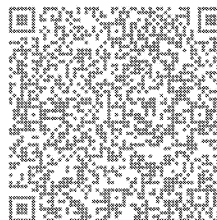
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