



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*August 9, 2026*

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*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

# THE LORD'S DAY

August 9, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

## Preparation for Worship

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

Psalm 138:1-8

*Of David.*

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

<sup>4</sup>**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 660**

*O God beyond All Praising*

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Augustine of Hippo<sup>†</sup>*

**O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;  
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –  
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.  
Woe is me! ...**

**Lord, help us to turn and seek you;  
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.  
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,  
when we confess to you,  
when we cast ourselves upon you,  
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;  
and you gently wipe away our tears,  
and we weep the more for joy,  
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –  
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.**

***(Silent Confession)***

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<sup>†</sup>*Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology;  
forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of **Confessions** and **The City of God**.*

**\*Congregation Standing** ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**  
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**Minister:** *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy, hear this word of assurance:*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

**Question 80:** *What do the Ten Commandments teach?*

**Answer:** **To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.**

**Question 81:** *Who is your neighbor?*

**Answer:** **Everybody is my neighbor.**

**Question 82:** *Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?*

**Answer:** **Yes. God says, "I love them that love me." (KJV)**

**\* CONFSSION OF FAITH**

*Westminster Confession of Faith, 14.1-3*

**<sup>1</sup>The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.**

**<sup>2</sup>By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein, and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.**

**<sup>3</sup>This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong, may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.**

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

*★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 4:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE 691**

*It is Well with My Soul*

## 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 455

*And Can It Be*

### \* 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

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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## Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Volunteer Teacher Training:** Saturday, August 29, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 30, following worship service.
- ❖ **Save the Date:** *Providence 25th Anniversary Celebration*, October 24-25, 2026. Details coming.

## 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.providencepcpa.org](http://www.providencepcpa.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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring  
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley  
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

## Nursery

### ❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Tiffany Klassen ◦ Julia Kramedjian  
Della Kramedjian ◦ Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedjian

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey  
Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herendeen ◦ Cateyln Steele

## ***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: August 9-15, 2026**

| <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Text</i></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday, 08/09      | Jeremiah 7-9       |
| Monday, 08/10      | Jeremiah 10-13     |
| Tuesday, 08/11     | Jeremiah 14-17     |
| Wednesday, 08/12   | Jeremiah 18-22     |
| Thursday, 08/13    | Jeremiah 23-25     |
| Friday, 08/14      | Jeremiah 26-29     |
| Saturday, 08/15    | Jeremiah 30-31     |

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



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