

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

²**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

³to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

⁴**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

⁵How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

¹²**The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

¹³They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴**They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,**

¹⁵to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Knox[†]

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins.
We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
if you dealt with us as we deserve.
We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[†]*John Knox (1514-1572): Leader of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland and chaplain to young King Edward VI.
He authored **The History of Reformation in Scotland** and
The Book of Common Order for the Presbyterian Church.*

* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 83: *Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey him?*

Answer: Yes. "God is angry with the wicked every day." (KJV)

Question 84: *What is the first commandment?*

Answer: The first commandment is "You shall have no other gods before Me."
(NKJV)

Question 85: *What does the first commandment teach you?*

Answer: To worship the true God, and him only.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1[‡]

Minister: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly
Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS ★

[‡]**Heidelberg Catechism:** *Written by Zacharias Ursinus in 1563, the catechism quickly became one of the most enduring documents of Continental Reformed Churches across Europe. Today it is used as a Standard by German, Dutch, and Swiss Reformed Churches.*

★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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR SCOTT ALLEN LAWSON

Covenant Promises: For to you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

(Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; BCO 56-4)

Covenant Vows to Parents and Congregation

Minister: *Heavenly Father, we pray for this covenant child: Deliver him from the way of sin and death; wash him and renew him by your life-giving Spirit; open his heart to your grace and truth; drive him to Christ as his Savior and Lord; and keep him in the faith and fellowship of your church.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: *We pray for this family: Grant them grace so to live before this covenant child – loving him, disciplining him, teaching him, and praying with him – that their lives would be a living picture of the Gospel. Lord, work through them, work beyond them, work against them when necessary, to point this child to Christ, so that all the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: *And Lord, we pray for ourselves, the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him and pray for him, and to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their children.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Thy Mercy, My God

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1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.
4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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 4:10-13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 585**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death. (*Repeat*)
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

* 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

Philippians 4:7

⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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.
- ❖ **Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ **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.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*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Cana Dalton
• **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson ◦ 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: August 16-22, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 08/16	Jeremiah 32-34
Monday, 08/17	Jeremiah 35-37
Tuesday, 08/18	Jeremiah 38-40 • Psalm 74 and 79
Wednesday, 08/19	2 Kings 24-25 • 2 Chronicles 36
Thursday, 08/20	Habakkuk 1-3
Friday, 08/21	Jeremiah 41-45
Saturday, 08/22	Jeremiah 46-48

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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.

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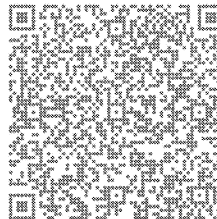
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