

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 100

A Psalm for giving thanks.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³**Know that the LORD, he is God!**

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵**For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 7**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

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

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Scripture References from: *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV)*

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**O Lord, our heavenly Father,
seeing you are our Maker,
and we are the workmanship of your hands;
seeing you are our Pastor,
and we your flock;
seeing also that you are our Redeemer,
and we are the people whom you have bought;
Finally, because you are our God, and we are your chosen inheritance –
let not your anger be kindled against us,
that you should punish us in your wrath,
neither remember our wickedness so as to take vengeance for it,
but rather chastise us according to your mercy.**

**We confess, O Lord, that our misdeeds have inflamed your wrath against us,
yet considering that by your grace we call upon your name,
and make profession of your truth –
maintain, we ask you, the work that you have begun in us,
to the end that all the world may know that you are our God and Savior.**

**You know that those you have destroyed and brought to confusion,
do not set forth your praises,
but the heavy souls, the humble hearts,
the consciences oppressed and laden with the grievous burden of their sins,
and therefore thirst after your grace,
they shall set forth your praise and glory. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

†The Middleburg Liturgy was penned in 1586
by the English Puritan Thomas Cartwright (1553-1603)
after he and his congregation were exiled to Middleburg in the Netherlands.

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

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 457**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 86: *What is the second commandment?*

Answer: The second commandment is "You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." (NKJV)

Question 87: *What does the second commandment teach you?*

Answer: To worship God only as he commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.

Question 88: *What is the third commandment?*

Answer: The third commandment is "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (NKJV)

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. – Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS ★

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross.
While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

‡The word “Catholic” means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

★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 4:14-23

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 168**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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

Good Shepherd of My Soul

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Stuart Townend
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1. Good Shepherd of my soul come dwell within me.
Take all I am and mould Your likeness in me.
Before the cross of Christ, This is my sacrifice:
A life laid down and ready to follow.
2. The troubled find their peace In true surrender.
The prisoners their release from chains of anger.
In springs of living grace, I find a resting place
To rise refreshed, determined to follow.
3. I'll walk this narrow road with Christ before me
Where thorns and thistles grow and cords ensnare me.
Though doubted and denied, He never leaves my side
But lifts my head and calls me to follow.
4. And when my days are gone, my strength is failing
He'll carry me along through death's unveiling
Earth's struggles overcome, heav'n's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths and ever to follow ... to search Christ's depths and ever to follow.

* 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

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Volunteer Teacher Training:** Saturday, August 29, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** next Sunday, August 30, following worship service.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **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 RUF Campus Minister at Texas Tech.
 - An RUF lunch for students and their parents will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

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*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Cana Dalton
Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson ◦ Ava Smith

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
Corrie King ◦ Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Christie Mulkey

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 23-29, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 08/23	Jeremiah 49-50
Monday, 08/24	Jeremiah 51-52
Tuesday, 08/25	Lamentations 1:1 - 3:36
Wednesday, 08/26	Lamentations 3:37 - 5:22
Thursday, 08/27	Ezekiel 1-4
Friday, 08/28	Ezekiel 5-8
Saturday, 08/29	Ezekiel 9-12

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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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for more information on serving on one of these teams

or with other ministry opportunities.

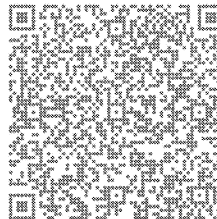
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