



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 111:1-10

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸**they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

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1. Thou lovely source of true delight, whom I unseen adore!
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight, that I might love Thee more;
Oh, that I might love Thee more.
2. Thy glory o'er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord;
See my bleeding, dying Lord.
3. 'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop, and sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied.
4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain;
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain;
Oh and I again complain.
5. Jesus! my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night, and chase my fears away;
Won't You chase my fears away.
6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love;
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above;
They are only known above.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

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

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Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are repentant,
according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Isaiah 55:6-9

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

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
⁹For 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 85**

Question 89: *What does the third commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To treat God's name, word, and works with reverence.**

Question 90: *What is the fourth commandment?*

Answer: **The fourth commandment is "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." (NKJV)**

Question 91: *What does the fourth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To work six days and keep the Sabbath day holy.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Belgic Confession, Article 8[†]

According to this truth and this Word of God, we believe in one only God, who is the one single essence, in which are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties; namely, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin, and beginning of all things visible and invisible; the Son is the word, wisdom, and image of the Father; the Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. Nevertheless, God is not by this distinction divided into three, since the Holy Scriptures teach us that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit have each His personality, distinguished by Their properties; but in such wise that these three persons are but one only God.

Hence, then, it is evident that the Father is not the Son, nor the Son the Father, and likewise the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Nevertheless, these persons thus distinguished are not divided, nor intermixed; for the Father has not assumed the flesh, nor has the Holy Spirit, but the Son only. The Father has never been without His Son, or without His Holy Spirit, For They are all three co-eternal and co-essential. There is neither first, nor last; for They are all three one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy.

[†]*The Belgic Confession of Faith: Originally composed in 1561 by chief author Guido de Bres in Belgium. The confession has become part of the **Three Forms of Unity** in the Dutch and German Church, and it is considered a major Reformed confession.*

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
Colossians 1:1-8

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing – as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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

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.

*** 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**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³Now 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.

²⁴He who calls you is faithful;
he will surely do it.

**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).

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Events This Week

- ❖ **Welcome Back Lunch and Ministry Fair:** today following worship service. Please join us!
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

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.
 - RUF Large Group meets on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

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*
 - Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
 - Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
 - **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Christie Mulkey
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Katie Davis ◦ Elizabeth Stewart
 - **Pre-School:** Jenny Hudnall ◦ Wendy Wilkerson ◦ 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: August 30 to September 5, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 08/30	Ezekiel 13-15
Monday, 08/31	Ezekiel 16-17
Tuesday, 09/01	Ezekiel 18-19
Wednesday, 09/02	Ezekiel 20-21
Thursday, 09/03	Ezekiel 22-23
Friday, 09/04	Ezekiel 24-27
Saturday, 09/05	Ezekiel 28-31

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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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Missions Team Chuck Donet

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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