

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth 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 105:1-8

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

²**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

⁴**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

⁵Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

⁶**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

⁷He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸**He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 115**

All Creatures of Our God and King

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther[†]

**O Father, receive again the thing which you have created.
O Son, receive the thing which you have governed.
O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved.
Three persons and one very God, I entreat you:
 remember not my offenses forever.
For I cry, Lord God and Father, mercy.
Lord God Son, mercy.
Lord God Holy Spirit, mercy. – Amen**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 345**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

[†]*Martin Luther (1483-1546): Leading voice of the Protestant Reformation due to his insistence on the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone.*

Question 92: *What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?*

Answer: **The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day.**

Question 93: *Why is it called the Lord's Day?*

Answer: **Because on that day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead.**

Question 94: *How should you keep the Lord's Day?*

Answer: **I should rest from my daily work and faithfully worship God.**

*** 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

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

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1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
 breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
 to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
 give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
 Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within;
 may Your joy be seen in all I do –
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
 in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
 gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
 Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
 giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
 cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
 Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ
 will be clear for all the world to see.

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**

Psalm 121:7-8

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** (6th to 12th grade) meets Wednesday, September 9, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets Wednesday, September 9, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet this Wednesday, September 9, and next Sunday, September 13.
- ❖ **Young Professionals** will meet Friday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Sunday School** will resume next Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies** will be studying Philippians using the At His Feet Bible Study.
 - **Morning Group:** Monday, September 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Evening Group:** Wednesday, September 16, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Family Worship Workshop:** Saturday, September 19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast and child care will be provided.
- ❖ **Hymn Sing:** Sunday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Inquirer's Class:** Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ **Church-Wide Fellowship Meal:** Sunday, October 5, 12:30 p.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*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Sara Griffith ◦ Katie Davis ◦ Elizabeth Stewart
Jenny Hudnall ◦ Wendy Wilkerson ◦ Cana Dalton

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Kathryn Clendennen
• **Pre-School:** Allison, Ava, and Lena Smith ◦ Carrollyn and Arden Timmons

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: September 6-12, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 09/06	Ezekiel 32-34
Monday, 09 /07	Ezekiel 35-37
Tuesday, 09/08	Ezekiel 38-39
Wednesday, 09/09	Ezekiel 40-41
Thursday, 09/10	Ezekiel 42-43
Friday, 09/11	Ezekiel 44-45
Saturday, 09/12	Ezekiel 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.

The Session

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Missions Team Chuck Donet

Music Team Matthew and Allison Smith

Young Professionals Clint and Alexis Bingham

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams
or with other ministry opportunities.*

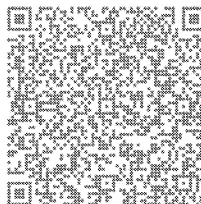
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