

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 145:1-7

¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 235**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Clement of Rome[†]

Lord, your hand has shown us the everlasting fabric of the world.

You created the earth.

**You are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments,
marvelous in your strength and excellence.**

You are wise in creating and establishing what you have made.

You are good and faithful toward those who trust in you.

Forgive us, our sins, our unrighteous, our transgressions, and our shortcomings.

Do not hold us to account for every sin but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth.

Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart.

Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Micah 7:18-20

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

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

[†]*Clement of Rome (35 AD-101 AD): Apostolic Church Father in the first century and author of **1 Clement**, one of the oldest Christian documents outside of Scripture. Clement was Bishop of Rome and is thought to be mentioned by Paul in Philippians 4:3. He was martyred by Emperor Trajan in 101 AD.*

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 95: *What is the fifth commandment?*

Answer: **The fifth commandment is "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (NKJV)**

Question 96: *What does the fifth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.**

Question 97: *What is the sixth commandment?*

Answer: **The sixth commandment is "You shall not murder." (NKJV)**

**It pleased God, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,
to be the Mediator between God and man,
the Prophet, Priest, and King,
the Head and Savior of his church,
the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:
unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,
and to be by Him in time redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity,
being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father,
did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature,
with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof;
yet without sin:
being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.
So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures,
the Godhead and the manhood,
were inseparably joined together in one person,
without conversion, composition, or confusion.
Which person is very God and very man,
yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.**

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

Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 162

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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).

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail
5. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*** 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****2 Corinthians 13:14**

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School is available for all ages. Two adult classes are available.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Sunday Community Groups** will meet today.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies** is studying Philippians using the At His Feet Bible Study.
 - *Morning Group*: Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - *Evening Group*: Wednesday, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** (6th to 12th grade) meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Family Worship Workshop**: Saturday, September 19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast and child care will be provided.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Hymn Sing**: Sunday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets again on Wednesday, September 23, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet again on Wednesday, September 23, and Sunday, September 27.
- ❖ **Inquirer's Class**: Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ **Church-Wide Fellowship Meal**: Sunday, October 4, 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Save the Date: Providence 25th Anniversary Celebration**, October 24-25, 2026.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Taylor McPherson is the RUF Campus Minister at Texas Tech.
 - RUF Large Group meets Wednesdays 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.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.

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, Jr.

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Shannon Grimes ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
• **Pre-School:** Faith Tate ◦ Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Selah 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: September 13-19, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 09/13	Joel 1-3
Monday, 09 /14	Daniel 1-3
Tuesday, 09/15	Daniel 4-6
Wednesday, 09/16	Daniel 7-9
Thursday, 09/17	Daniel 10-12
Friday, 09/18	Ezra 1-3
Saturday, 09/19	Ezra 4-6 • Psalm 137

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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

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

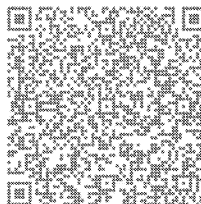
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