

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Richard Baxter[†]

**O most great, most just and gracious God;
you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.
You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers;
but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all who repent and believe in him.
Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature
and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have not been content with our daily bread.
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
We confess you alone are our hope.
Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

[†]*Richard Baxter (1615-1691) was an English Puritan pastor known for his piety and quest for moderation amid the tumultuous English Civil War; author of "The Reformed Pastor," a classic handbook on ministerial care.*

***Congregation Standing** ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy,
hear this word of assurance:*

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Public Domain. Words and Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, American folk hymn.

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am;"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 98: *What does the sixth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.**

Question 99: *What is the seventh commandment?*

Answer: **The seventh commandment is "You shall not commit adultery." (NKJV)**

Question 100: *What does the seventh commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To be pure in heart, language, and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.**

*** 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.**

†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.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS ★

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RE Peter Griffith, Sr.

**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 1:24-29

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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**

For the Cause

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend
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1. For the cause of Christ the King,
 we give our lives, an offering
 'Til all the earth
 resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son

2. For the cause of Christ we go
 with joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see
 and many put their trust in the Son
 Chorus: Christ we proclaim, the Name above every name:
 For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son!

3. For the King once lifted high
 to cries of rage, of 'crucify!'
Endured the cross
 as every sin was laid on the Son

4. To the King who conquered death
 to free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace
 or life and liberty in the Son
 Chorus: Christ we proclaim, the Name above every name:
 For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son!

5. Let it be my life's refrain:
 to live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself,
 Take up my cross and follow the Son
 Chorus: Christ we proclaim, the Name above every name:
 For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son!
 (Repeat chorus)

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

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

* 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 115:12a, 13, 15

- ¹²The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
¹³He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.
¹⁵May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!
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Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School is available for all ages. Two adult classes are available:
 - *The Book of Isaiah*: Room 10 - Jeremy Dalton
 - *Augustine*: Room 11 - Jeffrey Clendennen

Events This Week

- ❖ **Hymn Sing**: Today at, 6:00 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.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** meet this Wednesday, September 23, and next Sunday, September 27.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies** are studying Philippians.
 - *Morning Group*: Monday, September 28, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided.)
 - *Evening Group*: Wednesday, September 30, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. (Bring your own dinner.)
- ❖ **Inquirer's Class**: Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ **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.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, Jr.

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Amanda Castner ◦ Shannon Grimes ◦ Paige Bredemeyer
• **Pre-School:** Faith Tate ◦ Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Selah Dalton

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Cate and Emily Myers
• **Pre-School:** Rachel Myers ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Wyatt Myers

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 20-26, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 09/20	Haggai 1-2
Monday, 09/21	Zechariah 1-7
Tuesday, 09/22	Zechariah 8-14
Wednesday, 09/23	Esther 1-5
Thursday, 09/24	Esther 6-10
Friday, 09/25	Ezra 7-10
Saturday, 09/26	Nehemiah 1-5

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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.*

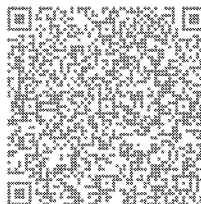
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