

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 22:22-28

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³**You who fear the Lord, praise him!**
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;**
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸**For kingship belongs to the Lord,**
and he rules over the nations.

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 125**

Let All Things Now Living

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

**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

1 John 1:7-9

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

⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 521**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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

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

Question 101: *What is the eighth commandment?*

Answer: **The eighth commandment is "You shall not steal." (NKJV)**

Question 102: *What does the eighth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **Not to take anything that belongs to someone else.**

**We confess and acknowledge one only God,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom only we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom only we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe, all things in heaven and earth,
as well visible as invisible, to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence,
to such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed them
to the manifestation of His own Glory.**

[†] *The Scots Confession is a Confession of Faith written in 1560 by six leaders of
the Protestant Reformation in Scotland.*

*The text of the Confession was the first subordinate standard for the Protestant church in Scotland.
Along with the Book of Discipline and the Book of Common Order,
this is considered to be a formational document for the Church of Scotland during the time.*

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

★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.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872. ©1997, Christopher Miner Music

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics by Charitie Less Bancroft, 1863; alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook.

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1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart
2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me
3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God

* 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

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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

- ❖ ***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.)
- ❖ ***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.
- ❖ ***Sunday Community Groups*** meet today
- ❖ ***Inquirer's Class***: Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ ***Church-wide Fellowship Lunch***: Next Sunday, October 4, following worship service.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ ***Community Groups*** will meet on Sunday, October 11, and Wednesday, October 14.
- ❖ ***Covenant Kids*** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets again on Wednesday, October 14 from 5:45 to 7:30 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.providencecpca.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*
 - Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
 - Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Cate and Emily Myers
 - **Pre-School:** Rachel Myers ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Wyatt Myers
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Julia Kramedjian
 - **Pre-School:** Della, Mary Abbott, and Bailey Kramedjian ◦ Maria Scott

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 27 to October 3, 2026	
Date	Text
Sunday, 09/27	Nehemiah 6-7
Monday, 09/28	Nehemiah 8-10
Tuesday, 09/29	Nehemiah 11-13 • Psalm 126
Wednesday, 09/30	Malachi 1-4
Thursday, 10/01	Luke 1 • John 1:1-14
Friday, 10/02	Matthew 1 • Luke 2:1-38
Saturday, 10/03	Matthew 2 • Luke 2:39-52

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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.*

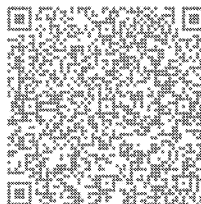
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