

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

October 4, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 138:1-8

Of David.

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

O Lord, I have grievously sinned against heaven and before you.
I have transgressed all your commandments, not only through negligence,
but often through willful presumption –
contrary to the motions of your Holy Spirit reclaiming me from them.
So I have wounded my conscience and grieved your Holy Spirit,
by whom you have sealed me for the day of redemption.
You have consecrated my soul and body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit;
I have defiled both.
My eyes, in taking pleasure to behold vanity.
My ears, in listening to impure speech.
My tongue, in speaking evil.
My hands, so full of impurity that I am ashamed to lift them up to you.
My feet, that carried me in my own directions.
But seeing that by your infinite mercy you have spared me so long,
and still wait for my repentance, I humbly implore you,
for the sake of the bitter death and passion which Jesus Christ suffered for me,
that you would pardon and forgive me all my offenses,
and open to me that ever streaming fountain of the blood of Christ,
which you have promised to open to those who repent.
I pray that all my sins and uncleanness may be so bathed in his blood,
buried in his death, and hid in his wounds,
that they may never more be seen, to shame me in this life,
or to condemn me before the judgment seat in the world to come. – Amen.

[†]*Lewis Bayly (1575-1631): Rector of St. Matthews Church in London
and imprisoned for his puritan views under James I and Charles I.
He is best known for writing **The Practice of Piety**,
a book which was influential in John Bunyan's spiritual awakening.*

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 10:19-23

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

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Question 103: *What is the ninth commandment?*

Answer: **The ninth commandment is "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." (NKJV)**

Question 104: *What does the ninth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **Never to lie, but to tell the truth at all times.**

Question 105: *What is the tenth commandment?*

Answer: **The tenth commandment is "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." (NKJV)**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Chalcedonian Creed

**We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent,
teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood;
truly God and truly man, of a reasonable[†] soul and body;
consubstantial[‡] with the Father according to the Godhead,
and consubstantial[‡] with us according to the Manhood;
in all things like unto us, without sin;
begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead,
and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation,
born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood;
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only Begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures,
inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably;
the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union,
but rather the property of each nature being preserved,
and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence,
not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son,
and Only Begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;
as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him,
and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us,
and the creed of the holy fathers has handed down to us.**

*The Chalcedonian Creed was adopted at the Council of Chalcedon (451)
summarizing the doctrine of the person and natures of Jesus Christ.*

[†]Reasonable = Rational • [‡]Consubstantial = Co-essential

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS ★

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO CATELYN ELIZABETH STEELE

As applicants for admission into the Church of God by Baptism, which is a sign and seal of our engrafting into Christ, and of our engagement to be the Lord's, the Session has examined and approved Catelyn Steele, who is cordially welcomed into the fellowship of the household of faith (BCO 57-5).

Membership Vows (PCA BCO 57-5)

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

BAPTISMAL HYMN 691

It Is Well with My Soul

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.

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

Colossians 2:1-15

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 170**

Fairest Lord Jesus

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

The Precious Blood

Words and Music: Peter Gagnon; ©Sovereign Grace Praise, Sovereign grace Music.
Based of "The Precious Blood," a prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

1. Before the cross I kneel and see the measure of my sin
How You became a curse for me though You were innocent
The magnitude of Your great love was shown in full degree
When righteous blood, the crimson spill rained down from Calvary

Chorus:

Oh, the precious blood that flowed from Mercy's side
Washed away my sin when Christ my Savior died
Oh, the precious blood of Christ the crucified
It speaks for me before Your throne where I stand justified

2. And who am I that I should know this treasure of such worth
My Savior's pure atoning blood shed for the wrath I'd earned
For sin has stained my every deed my every word and thought
What wondrous love that makes me one your priceless blood has bought

Chorus

*** 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.

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

- ❖ **Church-wide Fellowship Lunch:** Today following worship service.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study Evening Group** meets this Wednesday, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. (Bring your own dinner.)
- ❖ **Compassionate Mentoring Training:** Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet on Sunday, October 11, and Wednesday, October 14.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies Morning Group** meets Monday, October 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided.)
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets Wednesday, October 14, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, October 16, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Providence 25th Anniversary Celebration:** October 24-25, 2026. For more information, go to:

<https://www.providencepca.org/events/25th-anniversary-festivities/2026-10-24>

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.
 - RUF Fall Conference is October 9-11.

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.

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Years

IN LUBBOCK, TX

We invite you to join us for a full weekend of celebrations for the whole family

OCTOBER 24, 2026

Science Spectrum
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Lubbock, TX

Questions? | admin@providencepca.org

DETAILS

OCT 24 | 11AM - 1PM
BYO Lunch
Science Spectrum Exhibit Hall
Casual Time to Visit with Friends

OCT 24 | 6PM
Celebration BBQ Dinner
Science Spectrum Exhibit Hall
\$25/person | Venmo @ppclubbock
Cash Bar
Register | <https://forms.gle/dAyDimypQ5rEQKLt9>

OCT 25 | MORNING WORSHIP
9:30AM | Sunday School
10:30AM | Worship | Rev. Rob Bailey Preaching

OCT 25 | FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
Fellowship Hall following Worship
Bring a Picnic Food to Share
(Sandwiches, Fried Chicken, Fruit, Dessert, etc...)



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:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Julia Kramedjian
Della, Mary Abbott, and Bailey Kramedjian ◦ Maria Scott

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey
• **Pre-School:** Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herendeen ◦ Catelyn Steele

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: October 4-10, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 10/04	Matthew 3 • Mark 1 • Luke 3
Monday, 10/05	Matthew 4 • Luke 4-5 • John 1:15-51
Tuesday, 10/06	John 2-4
Wednesday, 10/07	Mark 2
Thursday, 10/08	John 5
Friday, 10/09	Matthew 12:1-21 • Mark 3 • Luke 6
Saturday, 10/10	Matthew 5-7

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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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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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.*

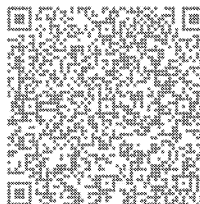
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