



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 63:1-8

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸**My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

*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

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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

³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

[†]*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**

His Mercy is More

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1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes, the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *(Repeat)*
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 106: *What does the tenth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To be content with whatever God chooses to give me.**

Question 107: *Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?*

Answer: **No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.**

Question 108: *Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?*

Answer: **They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a Savior.**

¹**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.**

²**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 2:16-23

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations – ²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used) – according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 87**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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**

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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

OCTOBER 24, 2026

Science Spectrum
2579 S Loop 289
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...)



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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

- ❖ **Community Groups** meet today, and this Wednesday, October 14.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies Morning Group** meets this Monday, October 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided.)
- ❖ **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 this Wednesday, October 14 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner**: Friday, October 16, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study Evening Group** meets Wednesday, October 21, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. (Bring your own dinner.)
- ❖ **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 this weekend in New Mexico.

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*

- 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:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey
Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herendeen ◦ Catelyn Steele

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Julia Kinkade
• **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson

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 11-17, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 10/11	Matthew 8:1-13 • Luke 7
Monday, 10/12	Matthew 11
Tuesday, 10/13	Matthew 12:22-50 • Luke 11
Wednesday, 10/14	Matthew 13 • Luke 8
Thursday, 10/15	Matthew 8:14-34 • Mark 4-5
Friday, 10/16	Matthew 9-10
Saturday, 10/17	Matthew 14 • Mark 6 • Luke 9:1-17

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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John D. Bennett, *Teaching Elder*
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Missions Team Chuck Donet

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Young Professionals Clint and Alexis Bingham
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or with other ministry opportunities.*

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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