

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

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Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 95:1-7

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 302**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Chrysostom[†]

Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly and eternal blessings.
Lord, deliver me from everlasting torments.
Lord, if I have sinned in word or deed, in mind or spirit, forgive me.
Lord, deliver me from all distress, ignorance, forgetfulness,
 laziness, and stony hardness of heart.
Lord, deliver me from all temptations and spiritual abandonment.
Lord, enlighten my heart which has been darkened by evil desire.
Lord, being human, I sin, but You, being God, have mercy on me.
Lord, take heed of the weakness of my soul,
 and help me with Your grace that Your holy name may be glorified in me.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Joel 2:12-13

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

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
 “return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
 and he relents over disaster.

[†]*St. John Chrysostom (347-407): Patriarch of Constantinople whose powerful preaching combined careful and literal exegesis with practical application. (“Chrysostom” means “golden mouthed”)*

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!
4. By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child.
5. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
6. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
7. 'Til then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths

Question 109: *What is prayer?*

Answer: **Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all his blessings, and asking him for the things he has promised in the Bible.**

Question 110: *In whose name should we pray?*

Answer: **Only in the name of Christ.**

Question 111: *What did Christ give us to teach us about prayer?*

Answer: **The Lord's Prayer.**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
And we believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. – Amen.**

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.

[†]The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout 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 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 500**

Rock of Ages

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 402

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 731

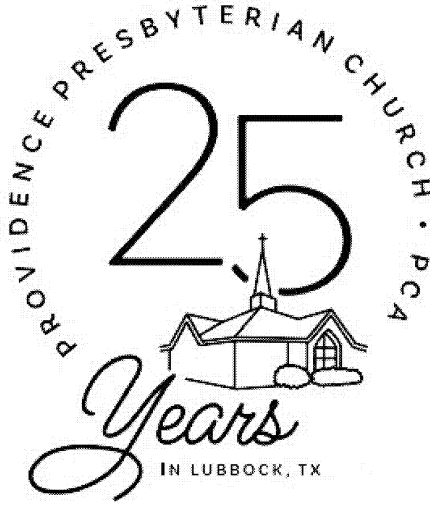
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - Amen.

* 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.



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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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
 - *Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*: Bring Your Own Lunch at the Science Spectrum Exhibit Hall.
 - *Saturday, 6:00 p.m.*: BBQ Dinner at the Science Spectrum Exhibit Hall. *Please register.*
 - *Sunday: 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School* • *10:30 a.m. ~ Morning Worship*, Rev. Rob Bailey, Organizing Pastor, preaching
 - *Sunday, 12:30 p.m.*: Fellowship Lunch. Bring picnic food to share.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies Morning Group** meets Monday, October 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided.)
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** (Nursery to 5th Grade) meets Wednesday, October 28, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday Community Groups** will meet Wednesday, October 28, from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.

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*

- 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:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Julia Kinkade
Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon ◦ Nan Mulkey
Corrie King ◦ Christie Mulkey

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 18-24, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 10/18	John 6
Monday, 10/19	Matthew 15 • Mark 7
Tuesday, 10/20	Matthew 16 • Mark 8 • Luke 9:18-27
Wednesday, 10/21	Matthew 17 • Mark 9 • Luke 9:28-62
Thursday, 10/22	Matthew 18
Friday, 10/23	John 7-8
Saturday, 10/24	John 9:1 - 10:21

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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Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
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Missions Team Chuck Donet

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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