PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

November 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 100:1-5

A Psalm for giving thanks.

[1]Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

[2]Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

[3]Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

[4]Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

[5]For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 1** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*Congregation Standing ○ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Augustine of Hippo*[†]

O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak;
yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong –
hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.
Woe is me! …

Lord, help us to turn and seek you;
for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation.
Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart,
when we confess to you,
when we cast ourselves upon you,
and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways;
and you gently wipe away our tears,
and we weep the more for joy,
because you, Lord – not man of flesh and blood –
but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Romans 8:31-35

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

[31]What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32]He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33]Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34]Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. [35]Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

[†]*Augustine (354-430): North African church father and key founder of Western theology; forerunner of the Protestant Reformation; author of* ***Confessions*** *and* ***The City of God****.*

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 310** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM** From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 118: *What is the third petition?*
Answer: **The third petition is "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."**

Question 119: *What does it mean to pray, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"?*
Answer: **We are asking God to make us able and willing to serve him on earth just as he is served in heaven.**

Question 120: *What is the fourth petition?*
Answer: **The fourth petition is "Give us this day our daily bread."**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH** *Westminster Confession of Faith, 14.1-3*

[1]The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe the saving of their souls,
is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts,
and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word,
by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer,
it is increased and strengthened.

[2]By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word,
for the authority of God himself speaking therein,
and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth;
yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings,
and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.
But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving,
and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life,
by virtue of the covenant of grace.

[3]This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong,
may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory:
growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance,
through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR THOMAS ABRAHAM RICKY USSERY

Covenant Promises: For to you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

(Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; BCO 56-4)

Covenant Vows for Parents and Congregation

Minister: *Heavenly Father, we pray for this covenant child: Deliver him from the way of sin and death; wash him and renew him by your life-giving Spirit; open his heart to your grace and truth; drive him to Christ as his Savior and Lord; and keep him in the faith and fellowship of your church.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Minister: *We pray for this family: Grant them grace so to live before this covenant child – loving him, disciplining him, teaching him, and praying with him – that their lives would be a living picture of the Gospel. Lord, work through them, work beyond them, work against them when necessary, to point this child to Christ, so that all the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: *And Lord, we pray for ourselves, the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him and pray for him, and to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their children.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN 342 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett
Colossians 3:12-17

[12]Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13]bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14]And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15]And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17]And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 535** *O the Deep, Deep Love of 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, 0 Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, many run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the unfading crown of life. 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

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†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 193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*** 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

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

Sermon Notes

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 (This class did not meet today.)

Events This Week

❖ ***Community Groups*** meet today and this Wednesday, November 11.

❖ ***Women's Bible Study Morning Group*** meets Monday, November 9, 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 Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

❖ ***Young Professionals*** will have a hike this Saturday, November 14.

Upcoming Events

❖ ***Women's Bible Study Evening Group*** meets this Wednesday, November 4, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. (Bring your own dinner.)

❖ ***Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner:*** Sunday, November 22, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

❖ ***Women's Christmas Brunch:*** Saturday, December 5.

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*

- 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:** Jenny Lawson ○ Ann Moushon ○ Kathryn Clendennen
- **Pre-School:** Allison, Ava, and Lena Smith ○ Carrollyn and Arden Timmons

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

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

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: November 8-14, 2026	
Date	***Text***
Sunday, 11/08	Matthew 25
Monday, 11/09	Matthew 26 • Mark 14
Tuesday, 11/10	Luke 22 • John 13
Wednesday, 11/11	John 14-17
Thursday, 11/12	Matthew 27 • Mark 15
Friday, 11/13	Luke 23 • John 18-19
Saturday, 11/14	Matthew 28 • Mark 16

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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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Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
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Missions Team ..... Chuck Donet
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Young Professionals..... Clint and Alexis Bingham
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Giving through September 30, 2026

- Year-to-date all categories giving $545,377
- Year-to-date giving budget..... $557,775

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