PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

November 15, 2026

Welcome and Announcements RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 89:1-5, 13-15

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

[1]I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

[2]For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

[3]You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

[4]"I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

[5]Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

[13]You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.

[14]Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

[15]Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down
   For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
   He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
   He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
   When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more
   He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood
   He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
   Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
   Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
   Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Book of Common Worship (1906)*

Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess in your presence our sinful nature
that is prone to do evil and slow to do good,
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
we who are ashamed and sorry for every way that we have displeased You.
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son our Savior.
And, O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we pray,
that we may from now on live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*Congregation Standing ○ **Bold body of text recited together.**
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ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE 1 Timothy 2:5-6

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

[5]For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6]who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *Thy Mercy, My God*

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1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
   The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
   Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
   Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
   Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
   But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
   And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
   Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
   Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
   And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
   And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
   All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
   Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
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   Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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

Question 121: *What does it mean to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"?*
Answer: **We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.**

Question 122: *What is the fifth petition?*
Answer: **The fifth petition is "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."**

Question 123: *What does it mean to pray, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"?*
Answer: **We are asking God to forgive our sins for Christ's sake, and to make us willing to forgive others.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;†
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,‡
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. – 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.

ADMISSION INTO COVENANT MEMBERSHIP BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

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?

†We believe Christ suffered the wrath of God for our sins while He was on the cross.
While His body was in the grave for three days, His Spirit was with the Father in heaven (Luke 23:43,46).

‡The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Isaiah 62:1-5

[1]For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
[2]The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
[3]You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
[4]You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
[5]For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

GOSPEL READING — John 15:7-17

[7]If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8]By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. [9]As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. [10]If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11]These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[12]"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15]No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. [16]You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. [17]These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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 3:18 - 4:1

3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4:1 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE 307** *Nothing bet the Blood*

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

†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 *How Deep The Father's Love for Us*

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1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
   That He should give His only Son, and make a wretch His treasure
   How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
   As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulder
   Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
   It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
   His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything - no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
   But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
   Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
   But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.
   Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
   But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

*** 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 115:12a, 13, 15

[12]The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

[13]He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.

[15]May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!

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.

❖ ***Women's Bible Study Evening Group*** meets this Wednesday, November 18, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. (Bring your own dinner.)

❖ ***Youth Large Group*** (6^{th} to 12^{th} grade) meets Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

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

❖ ***Women's Bible Study Morning Group*** meets Monday, November 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided.)

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

❖ ***Covenant Kids*** (Nursery to 5^{th} Grade) meets again on Wednesday, December 9, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

❖ ***Community Groups*** meet again on Wednesday, December 9, and Sunday, December 13.

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*

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

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ○ Alexis Bingham ○ Cate and Emily Myers
- **Pre-School:** Rachel Myers ○ Lily Donet ○ Wyatt Myers

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 15-21, 2026	
Date	***Text***
Sunday, 11/15	Luke 24 • John 20-21
Monday, 11/16	Acts 1-3
Tuesday, 11/17	Acts 4-6
Wednesday, 11/18	Acts 7-8
Thursday, 11/19	Acts 9-10
Friday, 11/20	Acts 11-12
Saturday, 11/21	Acts 13-14

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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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Missions Team ..... Chuck Donet
Music Team..... Matthew and Allison Smith
Young Professionals..... Clint and Alexis Bingham
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Giving through October 31, 2026

- Year-to-date all categories giving $582,145
- Year-to-date giving budget..... $619,750

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