



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:12-16

¹²Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!

¹³With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 439**

Christ Shall Have Dominion

From: Psalm 72. Words: *The Psalter*, 1912. Tune: ST. GERTRUDE, Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871.

He will rule from sea to sea. Ps. 72:8



1. Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea, earth's re - mot - est
2. When the need - y seek him, he will mer - cy show; yea, the weak and
3. Ev - er and for - ev - er shall his name en - dure, long as suns con -
4. Un - to God Al - might - y joy - ful Zi - on sings; he a - lone is



re - gions shall his em - pire be; they that wilds in - hab - it shall their
help - less shall his pit - y know; he will sure - ly save them from op -
tin - ue it shall stand se - cure; and in him for - ev - er all men
glo - rious, do - ing won - drous things. Ev - er - more, ye peo - ple, bless his



wor - ship bring, kings shall ren - der trib - ute, na - tions serve our King.
pres - sion's might, for their lives are pre - cious in his ho - ly sight.
shall be blest, and all na - tions hail him King of kings con - fessed.
glo - rious name, his e - ter - nal glo - ry through the earth pro - claim.

REFRAIN



Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea,



earth's re - mot - est re - gions shall his em - pire be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Calvin

**Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father,
we confess and acknowledge without pretense before your holy Majesty,
that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption;
prone to do what is evil, incapable of any good;
and that in our depravity,
we endlessly transgress your holy commandments.
And so, in your just judgement, we deserve ruin.
But Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended you,
and we condemn ourselves and vices with true repentance,
longing for your grace to relieve our distress.
May you, therefore, have mercy upon us,
most gentle and merciful God and Father,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And as you blot out our vices and blemishes,
extend and increase the graces of your Holy Spirit to us day by day,
so that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart,
we might feel sorrow that gives birth to true penitence,
which as we mortify our sins
may produce fruits of righteousness and innocence pleasing to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Exodus 34:6-7

⁶“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 460

Amazing Grace!

Words: John Newton, 1779. Tune: AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American Melody.

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my
 5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that grace ap -
 read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus
 hope se - cures; he will my shield and por - tion
 life shall cease, I shall pos - sess with - in the
 as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's

found, was blind, but now I see.
 pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 far, and grace will lead me home.
 be, as long as life en - dures.
 veil a life of joy and peace.
 praise than when we've first be - gun.

Question 10: *Where is God?*

Answer: **God is everywhere.**

Question 11: *Can you see God?*

Answer: **No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**

Question 12: *Does God know all things?*

Answer: **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**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 Scripture,
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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RE 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
Galatians 3:10-14

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Sands of Time are Sinking

Words: Anne R. Cousin, 1857 (Based upon letters of Samuel Rutherford, 1600-1661.)

Music: Traditional Folk Tune; arranged by Philip Palmertree and Belmont RUF. ©2001 Philip Palmertree Music.

1. The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for – the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.
2. The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.
3. O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... In Emmanuel's land.
4. The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory ... of Emmanuel's land.
5. O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit – I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the bulletin.

Words of Response

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

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.*

HYMN OF COMMUNION

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

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1. I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness ... The Lamb Who is my righteousness
2. I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace ... My feet are firm, held by His grace.
3. I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold ... His face forever to behold
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* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth - Hymn 731

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Sermon Notes

Morning Men's Group

... meets on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Studies

- ❖ Two Women's Bible Studies are delving into Hebrews with the Well Watered Women study, *Fulfilled in Christ*.
 - **Monday Mornings:** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church parlor; nursery provided. (*Through April 29.*)
 - **Wednesday Evenings** (First and third weeks): 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the kitchen and parlor. (*Through May 1.*)

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Two Adult Classes are available:
 - Study in the **Gospel of John**. *Meets in Adult Room 1.*
 - Teaching series **Dust to Glory**. *Meets in the Meeting Room (west of youth building).*

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Davis Sweatt, davis.sweatt@ruf.org, is the campus minister. Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern.

Meal Ministry

- ❖ ***Shared Joy, Shared Pain, Shared Meal:*** The women of Providence bring meals to people in the church when needed - especially births, deaths, hospitalizations, and illnesses. If you would be willing to provide meals or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, 806-831-5447, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com. Meal requests will be registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com

Nursery

... is available during worship for children 5 and under.

Ushers

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - Brian Nicholson ◦ Ronnie Booth
 - Paul Herring ◦ Shane Shepherd
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - Brandon Mulkey ◦ Wes Blanchard
 - Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Faith Tate ◦ Janet Brooks ◦ Naomi Sell
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Summer and Mai Shepherd ◦ Sean Tate
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infants/Toddlers:** Della Kramedian ◦ Julia Kramedian
 - **Pre-Schoolers:** Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedian
 - Simeon 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*.

ESV Daily Bible Reading Plan for Week of April 7-13, 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
04/07	Psalm 97	Leviticus 3	Isaiah 1	1 Corinthians 15
04/08	Psalm 98	Leviticus 4:1 - 5:13	Isaiah 2	1 Corinthians 16
04/09	Psalm 99	Leviticus 5:14 - 6:7	Isaiah 3-4	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
04/10	Psalm 100	Leviticus 6:8 - 7:38	Isaiah 5	2 Corinthians 1:12 - 2:11
04/11	Psalm 101	Leviticus 8	Isaiah 6	2 Corinthians 2:12 - 3:18
04/12	Psalm 102	Leviticus 9	Isaiah 7-8	2 Corinthians 4:1 - 5:10
04/13	Psalm 103	Leviticus 10	Isaiah 9:1-7	2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:10

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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, *Ruling Elder*

Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*

Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*

Tom Sell, *Ruling Elder*

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Women's Ministry Team Melynn Henry ◦ Kyla Sell

*To serve on one of these teams,
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