



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 10, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:28-36

- ²⁸Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- ²⁹Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
- Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
³⁰tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- ³¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
- ³²Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
- ³³Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- ³⁴Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ³⁵Say also:
"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.
- ³⁶Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!"

Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE 195**

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Words: Based on Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1719. Tune: ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel, 1742; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1836.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

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

1 John 4:9-10

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

⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

[†]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**

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

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1. Thou lovely source of true delight, whom I unseen adore!
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight, that I might love Thee more;
Oh, that I might love Thee more.
2. Thy glory o'er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord;
See my bleeding, dying Lord.
3. 'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop, and sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied.
4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain;
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain;
Oh and I again complain.
5. Jesus! my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night, and chase my fears away;
Won't You chase my fears away.
6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love;
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above;
They are only known above.

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 70: *How is Christ your prophet?*

Answer: **Christ teaches me the will of God.**

Question 71: *How is Christ your priest?*

Answer: **Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.**

Question 72: *How is Christ your king?*

Answer: **Christ rules over me, the world, and Satan, and he defends me.**

**We believe that God, who is perfectly merciful and just,
sent His Son to assume that nature in which the disobedience was committed,
to make satisfaction in the same,
and to bear the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death.
God therefore manifested His justice against His Son
when He laid our iniquities upon Him,
and poured forth His mercy and goodness on us,
who were guilty and worthy of damnation,
out of mere and perfect love,
giving His Son unto death for us,
and raising Him for our justification,
that through Him we might obtain immortality and life eternal.**

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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

[†]*The Belgic Confession of Faith: Originally composed in 1561 by chief author Guido de Bres in Belgium.
The confession has become part of the **Three Forms of Unity** in the Dutch and German Church,
and it is considered a major Reformed confession.*

²²And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics by Charitie Less Bancroft, 1863; alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook.

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1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart
2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me
3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the 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. Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. 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

The Words of Institution

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 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

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.

* 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

Psalms 121:7-8

⁷[May] The LORD keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and forevermore.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Young Professionals Dinner:** Friday, August 22
- ❖ **Sunday School Teacher Training:** Saturday, August 23, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Welcome Back RUF/ Churchwide Lunch/ Ministry Fair:** Sunday, August 31
- ❖ **West Texas Conference on Reformed Theology:** Dr. John Fesko, will be speaking at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7.
- ❖ **Providence Practical Theology Conference on Marriage:** Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, with Dr. John Kwasny.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search in process.*

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 Wendy Wilkerson, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com, or 806-831-5447.

- Meal requests are registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com.

Nursery

... **is available during worship for children 5 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 cry room with a live stream of the service is set up in Room 1, across the hall from the nursery, located at the west side of the building.

(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

Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Faith Tate ◦ Allison Smith (Ava) ◦ Julia Kinkade
 - **Pre-School:** Jenny Lawson ◦ Sean Tate
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Kristen Bredemeyer ◦ Libby Nicholson ◦ Lily Donet
 - **Pre-School:** Sarah Scott ◦ Avery Augesen ◦ Paige Bredemeyer

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 August 10-16, 2025

Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
08/10	Psalms 8	Judges 20	Jeremiah 36	Mark 6
08/11	Psalms 9	Judges 21	Jeremiah 37	Mark 7:1 - 8:26
08/12	Psalms 10	Ruth 1	Jeremiah 38	Mark 8:27 - 9:50
08/13	Psalms 11	Ruth 2	Jeremiah 39	Mark 10
08/14	Psalms 12	Ruth 3	Jeremiah 40-41	Mark 11
08/15	Psalms 13	Ruth 4	Jeremiah 42-43	Mark 12
08/16	Psalms 14	1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11	Jeremiah 44-45	Mark 13

Sermon Notes

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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.

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Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*
Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*
Tom Sell, *Ruling Elder*

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RUF Pastor Search in process

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Missions Team Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Brenda Hayes

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams
or with other ministry opportunities.*

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