



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138:1-8

Of David.

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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

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I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lewis Bayly[†]

O Lord, I have grievously sinned against heaven and before you.
I have transgressed all your commandments, not only through negligence,
but often through willful presumption –
contrary to the motions of your Holy Spirit reclaiming me from them.
So I have wounded my conscience and grieved your Holy Spirit,
by whom you have sealed me for the day of redemption.
You have consecrated my soul and body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit;
I have defiled both.
My eyes, in taking pleasure to behold vanity.
My ears, in listening to impure speech. My tongue, in speaking evil.
My hands, so full of impurity that I am ashamed to lift them up to you.
My feet, that carried me in my own directions.
But seeing that by your infinite mercy you have spared me so long,
and still wait for my repentance, I humbly implore you,
for the sake of the bitter death and passion which Jesus Christ suffered for me,
that you would pardon and forgive me all my offenses,
and open to me that ever streaming fountain of the blood of Christ,
which you have promised to open to those who repent.
I pray that all my sins and uncleanness may be so bathed in his blood,
buried in his death, and hid in his wounds,
that they may never more be seen, to shame me in this life,
or to condemn me before the judgment seat in the world to come. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Hebrews 10:19-23

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

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

[†]Lewis Bayly (1575-1631): Rector of St. Matthews Church in London and imprisoned for his puritan views under James I and Charles I. He is best known for writing **The Practice of Piety**, a book which was influential in John Bunyan's spiritual awakening.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 691**

It Is Well with My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873. Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1876.

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

*** CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

Question 86: *What is the second commandment?*

Answer: The second commandment is "You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." (NKJV)

Question 87: *What does the second commandment teach you?*

Answer: To worship God only as he commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.

Question 88: *What is the third commandment?*

Answer: The third commandment is "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (NKJV)

**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

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

†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.

⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

His Mercy is More

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. © 2016 Getty Music Songs.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
 Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
 Chorus: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
 Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
 what Father, so tender, is calling us home.
 He welcomes, the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
 Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
 His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
 Chorus: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
 Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. *(Repeat)*
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

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 indeed good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand
Words: Henry Alford, 1867. Music: Christopher Miner, ©1997.

1. Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
2. What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!
3. O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.
4. Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.
 Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
 Show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

* 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

Psalm 121:7-8

⁷The LORD will 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.

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets weekly from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. Adult classes include:
 - **Union with Christ – Living Out Our Identity in Jesus:** Larry LaFreniere, Teacher, Room 10
 - **The Book of Isaiah:** Jeremy Dalton, Teacher, Room 11

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, September 17, at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Sunday Community Groups** meet today at 12:30 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet on Wednesday, September 24, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Providence Practical Theology Conference on Marriage:** Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, with Dr. John Kwasny.
- ❖ **Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, October 5, following the morning worship.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Large Group meetings are Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. 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:** Courtney Steele ◦ Jenny Hudnall ◦ Christie Mulkey
 - **Pre-School:** Erin Herenden ◦ Nan Mulkey ◦ Catelyn Steele
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
 - **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alison Nicholson
 - **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Cana Dalton ◦ Libby Nicholson

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 September 14-20, 2025

Date	Psalms/Wisdom	Pentateuch/History	Chronicles/Prophets	Gospels/Epistles
09/14	Psalms 44	2 Samuel 4	Ezekiel 4:1 - 5:4	Luke 9:51 - 10:24
09/15	Psalms 45	2 Samuel 5	Ezekiel 5:5-17	Luke 10:25-42
09/16	Psalms 46	2 Samuel 6	Ezekiel 6	Luke 11:1-36
09/17	Psalms 47	2 Samuel 7	Ezekiel 7	Luke 11:37 - 12:12
09/18	Psalms 48	2 Samuel 8	Ezekiel 8	Luke 12:13-48
09/19	Psalms 49	2 Samuel 9	Ezekiel 9	Luke Luke 12:49 - 13:9
09/20	Psalms 50	2 Samuel 10	Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:13	Luke 13:10-35

Sermon Notes

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.

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