



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 12, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

Preparation for Worship

* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

²**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!

⁴**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!**

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

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Psalm 119:1-8 (*Aleph*)

Tune: AZMON, Carl G. Giaser, 1784-1829. (*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*)

¹How bless'd are those who keep their way as blameless and complete;
Who make the law of God the Lord the path that guides their feet.

²How bless'd are those who do observe His testimonies sure;
Who seek the Lord with all their heart ³and keep their actions pure.

They do no wrong, but walk within the ways He has ordained;
⁴You gave Your precepts so they'd be obeyed and not disdained.

⁵Oh, that my ways were steadfastly aligned with Your decrees!
⁶Then I would not be put to shame when Your commands I see.

⁷I'll give You thanks with a right heart when Your right laws I learn.
⁸I'll keep Your statutes; O, do not forsake or from me turn!

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*John Oecolampadius**

**Almighty God and heavenly Father,
we poor, miserable sinners confess that from childhood until this very hour
we have sinned against your commandments
by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which cannot count,
and first of all by vast unbelief.
Therefore, we are unworthy to be called your children,
nor lift our eyes up to heaven.
O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger.
In your mercy and for the sake of your glory,
we ask you to receive us into your grace
by the forgiveness of our sins. – Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

***John Oecolampadius (1482-1531)** ~ German Protestant Reformer who ministered in Basel;
he wrote two liturgies: The Testament of Jesus Christ (1523) and Form and Manner (1526).

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

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 455**

And Can It Be

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Tune: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825.

1. And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
2. 'Tis myst'ry all: Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
3. He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!)
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Question 99: *What is the seventh commandment?*

Answer: **The seventh commandment is "You shall not commit adultery." (NKJV)**

Question 100: *What does the seventh commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To be pure in heart, language, and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.**

Question 101: *What is the eighth commandment?*

Answer: **The eighth commandment is "You shall not steal." (NKJV)**

*** 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.**

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

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

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett
Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign
Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
4. By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth
Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
5. By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight (*repeat*)

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 689

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752.; translated by Jane Borthwick, 1855. Tune: FINLANDIA, by Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Jas. 5:7



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take to guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-part, and all is dark-ened
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-t'ning on when we shall be for-



cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as he has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 in the vale of tears, then shall you bet-ter know his love, his heart,
 ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev-ry change he faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your
 all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
 who comes to soothe your sor-row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your
 sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when



best, your heav'n-ly Friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 Je-sus can re-pay from his own full-ness all he takes a-way.
 change and tears are past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

* 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 67:1-2

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²that [his] way may be known on earth, [his] saving power among all nations.

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets weekly from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. ***Due to Fall Break, Sunday School did not meet today.*** 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** meets Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Sunday Community Groups** meet today.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, October 22, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals Brunch:** Saturday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Inquirers' Class:** Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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:** Faith Tate ◦ Lily Donet ◦ Julia Kinkade
Jenny Lawson ◦ Ava Smith ◦ Raylan Tate

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler** Amanda Castner ◦ Alisha Donet ◦ Rose Mulkey
Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Cana Dalton ◦ 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*.

ESV Daily Bible Reading Plan for Week of October 12-18, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
10/12	Psalms 72	1 Kings 7	Ezekiel 34	Romans 5:12-21
10/13	Psalms 73	1 Kings 8:1-21	Ezekiel 35	Romans 6
10/14	Psalms 74	1 Kings 8:22-66	Ezekiel 36	Romans 7
10/15	Psalms 75	1 Kings 9:1-9	Ezekiel 37	Romans 8:1-17
10/16	Psalms 76	1 Kings 9:10 - 10:29	Ezekiel 38	Romans 8:18-39
10/17	Psalms 77	1 Kings 11	Ezekiel 39	Romans 9:1-29
10/18	Psalms 78	1 Kings 12:1-15	Ezekiel 40	Romans 9:30 - 10:21

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.

The Session

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams
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