

PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

²⁸Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

²⁹**Ascribe 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.

³¹**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

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

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Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

F B♭ F B♭ F B♭ C F B♭ F B♭ F B♭ C

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

F/A B♭ C F C7 F Gm/B♭ F/C C7 F Gm7 F

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

F B♭ F C7/G F C7 Dm F/A Gm7/B♭ F/C C7 F Gm7 F

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er-more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm/F E° A7/E Dm B♭ C F Dm Gm/B♭ C F

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Middleburg Liturgy†

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
seeing you are our Maker, and we are the workmanship of your hands;
seeing you are our Pastor, and we your flock;
seeing also that you are our Redeemer,
and we are the people whom you have bought;
Finally, because you are our God, and we are your chosen inheritance –
let not your anger be kindled against us, that you should punish us in your wrath,
neither remember our wickedness so as to take vengeance for it,
but rather chastise us according to your mercy.
We confess, O Lord, that our misdeeds have inflamed your wrath against us,
yet considering that by your grace we call upon your name,
and make profession of your truth –
maintain, we ask you, the work that you have begun in us,
to the end that all the world may know that you are our God and Savior.
You know that those you have destroyed and brought to confusion,
do not set forth your praises, but the heavy souls, the humble hearts,
the consciences oppressed and laden with the grievous burden of their sins,
and therefore thirst after your grace,
they shall set forth your praise and glory. – Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Psalm 103:8-12

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

- ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

†The Middleburg Liturgy was penned in 1586 by the English Puritan Thomas Cartwright (1553-1603)
after he and his congregation were exiled to Middleburg in the Netherlands.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

Capo III



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood?
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex - plore His strange de - sign?
3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi - nite His grace!),
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and na - ture's night;
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in Him, is mine!



Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued?
In vain the first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of love di - vine.
hum - bled Him - self (so great His love!) and bled for Ad - am's help - less race.
Thine eye dif - fused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light;
A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine,



A - maz - ing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee;
bold I approach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own;



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Question 135: *What did Jesus say about little children?*

Answer: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Question 136: *What does baptism call you to be?*

Answer: A true follower of Christ.

Question 137: *What sign is used in the Lord's Supper?*

Answer: Eating bread and drinking wine to remember the suffering and death of Jesus.

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,

being born in the likeness of men.

⁸And being found in human form,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!* ♦ People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Glory Be to Christ

Words: Dustin Kensrue © 2012 Dead Bird Theology/We Are Younger We Are Faster; Tune: AULD LANG SYNE, Traditional Scottish Melody



F Dm Gm C F Dm Bb

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
2. His will be done, his king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
3. When on the day the great I AM, the faith - ful and the true,

F Dm Gm C F Bb F

un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
who is him - self our dai - ly bread, praise him, the Lord of love.
the Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new.

F Dm Gm C F Dm Bb

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me, what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price.
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light;

F Dm Gm C F Bb F

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn— all glo - ry be to Christ!
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet— all glo - ry be to Christ!
and we shall ere his peo - ple be— all glo - ry be to Christ!

F Dm Gm C F Dm Bb

All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to Christ!

F Dm Gm C F Bb F

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing— all glo - ry be to Christ!

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 731 – 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

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴[May] the Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 11.

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** resumes this Tuesday, January 6, 2026, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** resumes this Wednesday, January 7, 2026, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch:** next Sunday, January 11, following the morning worship. If you are able, please bring a main dish and two side dishes or desserts to share.
- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** resumes Monday, January 12, 2026, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will resume on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals' Brunch:** Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Providence Missions Conference:** Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search in process.*
 - RUF Large Group resumes on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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.
 - Meal requests are registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.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*

- Blaine Grimes ◦ Ian Schlagel
Tom Brooks ◦ Shane Shepherd

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Brandon Mulkey ◦ Paul Herring
Michael Landess ◦ Tom Sell

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey
Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herenden ◦ Catelyn Steele

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Cana Dalton
Melynn Henry ◦ Alison Nicholson ◦ 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*.

Chronological Bible Daily Reading Plan:

January 4-10, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 01/04	Job 1-5
Monday, 01/05	Job 6-9
Tuesday, 01/06	Job 10-13
Wednesday, 01/07	Job 14-16
Thursday, 01/08	Job 17-20
Friday, 01/09	Job 21-23
Saturday, 01/10	Job 24-28

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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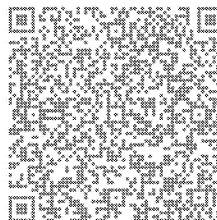
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