



# PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*January 11, 2026*

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*The First Sunday of Epiphany*

# THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026

## Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

## Preparation for Worship

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 84:1-12

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**<sup>6</sup>As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

**<sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

**<sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

**<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 92

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Based on Psalm 46. Words and Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do us,  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er He a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His  
 the prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Richard Baxter<sup>†</sup>*

O most great, most just and gracious God;  
you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.  
You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers;  
but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
to all who repent and believe in him.  
Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature  
and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.  
We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name.  
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.  
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.  
We have not been content with our daily bread.  
You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away.  
We have run into temptation;  
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.  
We confess you alone are our hope.  
Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. – Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE**

Joel 2:12-13

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

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

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<sup>†</sup>Richard Baxter (1615-1691) was an English Puritan pastor known for his piety and quest for moderation amid the tumultuous English Civil War; author of “The Reformed Pastor,” a classic handbook on ministerial care.

## \* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 100

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1861.

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## \* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 138:** *What does the bread represent?*

**Answer:** **Christ's body sacrificed for our sins.**

**Question 139:** *What does the wine represent?*

**Answer:** **Christ's blood shed for our sins.**

**Question 140:** *Who may rightly partake of the Lord's Supper?*

**Answer:** **Those who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, live a godly life, and profess their faith before the Church.**

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 Scriptures,  
 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<sup>†</sup> 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

#### ADMISSION OF WYATT MEYERS TO SEALING ORDINANCES

##### ***Membership Vows*** (PCA BCO 57-5)

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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<sup>†</sup>The word “Catholic” means *universal* or *whole*.  
 It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

**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 12:18-27*

<sup>18</sup> And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, <sup>19</sup>“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup>There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. <sup>21</sup>And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup>And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. <sup>23</sup>In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup>For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup>And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup>He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

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

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

©1997 Christopher Miner Music. Words: Samuel Stennett. Music: Christopher Miner.

Chorus ~ Words in regular type: Men sing • *Words in italics*: Women sing • **Words in bold**: All sing in unison

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
 To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

**Chorus:** I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*) ... **I am bound for promised land**,  
 I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*) ... **I am bound for promised land**.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
 There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

**Chorus**

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
 Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

**Chorus**

4. When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

**Chorus:** I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*) ... **I am bound for promised land,**  
I am bound (*I am bound*) ... I am bound (*I am bound*) ... **I am bound for promised land.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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### ***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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of the darkness and into his own glorious light. Therefore with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and say:*

**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**

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†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).

1. I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
**Refrain:** Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

**Refrain**

3. For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim –  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb.

**Refrain**

4. And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

**Refrain****\* 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**

Psalm 115:12a, 13, 15

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;  
He will bless those who fear the Lord,  
both the small and the great.  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.***All hymns are for congregational singing.* ◦ All music copied by permission of CCLI #2510011

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## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School began today for all ages.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch** is today following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** resumes Monday, January 12, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will resume this Wednesday, January 14, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Communicants Class** will meet this Wednesday, January 14, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday Community Groups** meet this Wednesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Young Professionals' Brunch:** Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Youth Game Night:** Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 p.m., Jason and Rebecca Mulkey's home.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** meets again on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.
- ❖ **Providence Missions Conference:** Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026. (Deadline for signing up for the Follies is Friday, January 23.)
- ❖ **Women's Retreat:** Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. Hope Blanton and Chris Gordon with *At His Feet Studies* will be the guest speakers.

## Reformed University Fellowship

### (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search in process.*
  - RUF Large Group resumes this 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.providencepcapca.org](http://www.providencepcapca.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](mailto:bethsherring@yahoo.com).

- Meal requests are registered at: [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://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*

- Brandon Mulkey ◊ Paul Herring  
Michael Landess ◊ Tom Sell

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Levi Myers ◊ John Haley  
Larry LaFreniere ◊ Peter Griffith, Jr.

**Nursery**❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◊ Missy Landess ◊ Cana Dalton
- **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◊ Alison Nicholson ◊ Libby Nicholson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Susan LaFreniere ◊ Ann Moushon ◊ Nan Mulkey
- **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◊ Elizabeth Stewart ◊ Christie Mulkey

***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 11-17, 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Text</b>
Sunday, 01/11	Job 29-31
Monday, 01/12	Job 32-34
Tuesday, 01/13	Job 35-37
Wednesday, 01/14	Job 38-39
Thursday, 01/15	Job 40-42
Friday, 01/16	Genesis 12-15
Saturday, 01/17	Genesis 16-18

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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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*RUF Pastor Search in process*

### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team** ..... Jeremy Dalton  
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Assistants: Tori Donet ◊ Kayla Harwood  
**Missions Team** ..... Rebecca Mulkey ◊ Brenda Hayes  
**Music Team** ..... Matthew and Allison Smith  
**Women's Ministry Team** ..... Anne Griffith ◊ Alexis Bingham  
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