



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*April 12, 2026*

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*Second Sunday of Easter*

# THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2026

**Welcome and Announcements**

RE Tom Sell

**Preparation for Worship**

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

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

<sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

<sup>29</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;**

<sup>30</sup>tremble before him, all the earth;  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

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

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 76**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

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\*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**  
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**Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**  
**We have offended against your holy laws.**  
**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**  
**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,**  
**and there is no health in us.**  
**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.**  
**Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.**  
**Restore those who are repentant,**  
**according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**  
**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**  
**to the glory of your holy name. – Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

1 John 1:7-9

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

<sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## \* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*Jesus, Cast a Look on Me*

Words: John Berridge (1716-1793). Music: Matthew Perryman Jones. ©MPJ Music.

1. Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

**Question 28:** *Did Adam keep the covenant of life?*

**Answer:** **No. He sinned against God.**

**Question 29:** *What is sin?*

**Answer:** **Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.**

**Question 30:** *What is meant by lack of conformity?*

**Answer:** **Not being or doing what God requires.**

**\* CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Scots Confession, Chapter 1 (1560)<sup>†</sup>*

**We confess and acknowledge one only God,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom only we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom only we put our trust.**

**Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**By whom we confess and believe, all things in heaven and earth,  
as well visible as invisible, to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence,  
to such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed them  
to the manifestation of His own Glory.**

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<sup>†</sup> *The Scots Confession is a Confession of Faith written in 1560 by six leaders of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland.*

*The text of the Confession was the first subordinate standard for the Protestant church in Scotland. Along with the Book of Discipline and the Book of Common Order, this is considered to be a formational document for the Church of Scotland during the time.*

## RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS‡

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR OWEN MACKENZIE ARTHUR

**Covenant Promises:** For to you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

(Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; BCO 56-4)

### Covenant Vows to Parents and Congregation

#### Prayer for Covenantal Blessings

**Minister:** *Heavenly Father, we pray for this covenant child: Deliver him from the way of sin and death; wash him and renew him by your life-giving Spirit; open his heart to your grace and truth; drive him to Christ as his Savior and Lord; and keep him in the faith and fellowship of your church.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Minister:** *We pray for this family: Grant them grace so to live before this covenant child – loving him, disciplining him, teaching him, and praying with him – that their lives would be a living picture of the Gospel. Lord, work through them, work beyond them, work against them when necessary, to point this child to Christ, so that all the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in his life.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Minister:** *And Lord, we pray for ourselves, the congregation of Providence Presbyterian Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love him and pray for him, and to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their children.*

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## BAPTISMAL HYMN 32

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

‡While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. Thus, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting tithing or generous giving as a spiritual practice – that you might grow in faith and that together we might increase Providence's capacity to be the body of Christ in Lubbock for 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  
*Habakkuk 1:1-17.*

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<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>5</sup>"Look among the nations, and see;  
wonder and be astounded.  
For I am doing a work in your days  
that you would not believe if told.

<sup>6</sup>For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,  
that bitter and hasty nation,  
who march through the breadth of the earth,  
to seize dwellings not their own.

<sup>7</sup>They are dreaded and fearsome;  
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Their horses are swifter than leopards,  
more fierce than the evening wolves;  
their horsemen press proudly on.

Their horsemen come from afar;  
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

<sup>9</sup>They all come for violence,  
all their faces forward.

They gather captives like sand.

<sup>10</sup>At kings they scoff,  
and at rulers they laugh.

They laugh at every fortress,  
for they pile up earth and take it.

<sup>11</sup>Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,  
guilty men, whose own might is their god!"

<sup>12</sup>Are you not from everlasting,  
O Lord my God, my Holy One?  
We shall not die.

O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,  
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

<sup>13</sup>You who are of purer eyes than to see evil  
and cannot look at wrong,

why do you idly look at traitors  
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up  
the man more righteous than he?

<sup>14</sup>You make mankind like the fish of the sea,  
like crawling things that have no ruler.

<sup>15</sup>He brings all of them up with a hook;  
he drags them out with his net;

he gathers them in his dragnet;  
so he rejoices and is glad.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore he sacrifices to his net  
and makes offerings to his dragnet;  
for by them he lives in luxury,  
and his food is rich.

<sup>17</sup>Is he then to keep on emptying his net  
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of this 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 right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sins of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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!**

**Minister:** *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

**People:** **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

### **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<sup>†</sup>**

### **The Words of Institution**

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<sup>†</sup>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.

## HYMN OF COMMUNION

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words: Ada Habershon, 1861-1918. Alternate Words and Music: Matt Merker. ©2013,

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.  
**Chorus:** He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.
2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
**Chorus**
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!  
**Chorus**

## \* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 733

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709. Tune: GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESÄNGE (*All Creatures of Our God and King*).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## \* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

<sup>24</sup>The Lord bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup>the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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*\*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).

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## Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School is available for all ages. Two adult classes are available:
  - Larry LaFreniere, *The Book of Job*, Room 10
  - Jeremy Dalton, *The Book of Isaiah*, Room 11
    - The final Sunday School of the Spring will be April 26.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet today and this Wednesday.
- ❖ **Women's Morning Bible Study** will meet Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. for the last time this Spring. Dinner and child care provided.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday, April 22, at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet again on Wednesday, April 22, and Sunday, April 26.

## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Raegan Watkins Mitchell is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search is in process.*
  - RUF Large Group meets Wednesday 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](http://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](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:** Ann Moushon ◦ Alexis Bingham ◦ Cate Myers  
Rachel Myers ◦ Brianna Bingham ◦ Emily Myers ◦ Wyatt Myers

### ❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Tiffany Klassen ◦ Julia Kramedjian  
Della Kramedjian ◦ Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedjian

## ***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: April 12-18, 2026**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Text</i></b>
Sunday, 04/12	1 Samuel 15-17
Monday, 04/13	1 Samuel 18-20 • Psalm 11 and 59
Tuesday, 04/14	1 Samuel 21-24
Wednesday, 04/15	Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
Thursday, 04/16	Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
Friday, 04/17	1 Samuel 25-27
Saturday, 04/18	Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63

## 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.

### The Session

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John D. Bennett, *Teaching Elder*  
Dr. Jeremy Dalton, *Ruling Elder*  
Peter Griffith, Sr., *Ruling Elder*  
Chris Kramedjian, *Ruling Elder*  
Dr. Brian Nicholson, *Ruling Elder*  
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**RUF Campus Minister**

*RUF Pastor Search in process*

### Providence Lay Ministry Teams Leadership

**Christian Education Team** ..... Jeremy Dalton

**Hospitality Team** ..... Alisha Donet, Leader

Assistants: Tori Donet ◦ Kayla Harwood

**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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