



**PROVIDENCE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*April 19, 2026*

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*Third Sunday of Easter*

# THE LORD'S DAY

April 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100:1-5

*A Psalm for giving thanks.*

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup>**For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 1

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

\* 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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**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**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

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

<sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

†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.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

*Holy Spirit*

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1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
    breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
    to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
    give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
    Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
  
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
    may Your joy be seen in all I do –  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
    in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
    gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
    Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
  
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
    giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
    cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
    Lead us on the road of sacrifice.  
That in unity the face of Christ  
    will be clear for all the world to see.

**\* CHILDREN'S CATECHISM**

From: *First Catechism ~ Teaching Children Bible Truths*

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- Question 31:** *What is meant by transgression?*  
**Answer:** **Doing what God forbids.**
- Question 32:** *What does every sin deserve?*  
**Answer:** **The wrath and curse of God.**
- Question 33:** *What was the sin of our first parents?*  
**Answer:** **Eating the forbidden fruit.**

- <sup>1</sup>The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.**
- <sup>2</sup>By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein, and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.**
- <sup>3</sup>This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong, may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.**

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

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

RE Dr. Brian Nicholson

**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***

*‡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.*

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end – it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

<sup>5</sup>“Moreover, wine is a traitor,  
an arrogant man who is never at rest.  
His greed is as wide as Sheol;  
like death he has never enough.  
He gathers for himself all nations  
and collects as his own all peoples.”

<sup>6</sup>Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own –  
for how long? –  
and loads himself with pledges!”

<sup>7</sup>Will not your debtors suddenly arise,  
and those awake who will make you tremble?  
Then you will be spoil for them.

<sup>8</sup>Because you have plundered many nations,  
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,  
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,  
to cities and all who dwell in them.

<sup>9</sup>“Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,  
to set his nest on high,  
to be safe from the reach of harm!

<sup>10</sup>You have devised shame for your house  
by cutting off many peoples;  
you have forfeited your life.

<sup>11</sup>For the stone will cry out from the wall,  
and the beam from the woodwork respond.

<sup>12</sup>“Woe to him who builds a town with blood  
and founds a city on iniquity!

<sup>13</sup>Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts  
that peoples labor merely for fire,  
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

<sup>14</sup>For the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>15</sup>“Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—  
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,  
in order to gaze at their nakedness!

<sup>16</sup>You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.  
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!

The cup in the Lord's right hand  
will come around to you,  
and utter shame will come upon your glory!

<sup>17</sup>The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,  
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them,  
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,  
to cities and all who dwell in them.

<sup>18</sup>“What profit is an idol  
when its maker has shaped it,  
a metal image, a teacher of lies?

For its maker trusts in his own creation  
when he makes speechless idols!

<sup>19</sup>Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;  
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
and there is no breath at all in it.

<sup>20</sup>But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

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**

\* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 733

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

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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

Psalm 115:12a, 13, 15

<sup>12</sup>The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

<sup>13</sup>He will bless those who fear the Lord,  
both the small and the great.

<sup>15</sup>May you be blessed by the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth!

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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).

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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 next Sunday, April 26.

## Events This Week

- ❖ **VBS Volunteer Interest Meeting** will be directly after the service in the fellowship hall. Contact Kathryn Clendennen if you have questions.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets this Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet Wednesday and next Sunday, April 26. These will be the final meetings of the Spring.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Youth Family Night:** Wednesday, April 29
- ❖ **Church-Wide Fellowship Meal:** Sunday, May 3, following Morning Worship Service
- ❖ **Junior High Retreat at Mo Ranch:** May 28-31
- ❖ **RYM High School Summer Conference, Estes Park, Colorado:** June 8-13
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** July 7-10

## 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*
  - Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
  - Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith, Jr.
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
  - Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

## Nursery

- ❖ *Serving today*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Stefanie Bennett ◦ Tiffany Klassen ◦ Julia Kramedjian
  - **Pre-School:** Della Kramedjian ◦ Maria Scott ◦ Mary Abbott Kramedjian
- ❖ *Serving next Sunday*
  - **Infant/Toddler:** Ann Moushon ◦ Rebecca Mulkey ◦ Rose Mulkey
  - **Pre-School:** Courtney Steele ◦ Erin Herendeen ◦ Catelyn Steele

## 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 19-25, 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text</i>
Sunday, 04/19	1 Samuel 28-31 • Psalm 18
Monday, 04/20	Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
Tuesday, 04/21	2 Samuel 1-4
Wednesday, 04/22	Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
Thursday, 04/23	1 Chronicles 1-2
Friday, 04/24	Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
Saturday, 04/25	1 Chronicles 3-5

# 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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**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

**Music Team** ..... Matthew and Allison Smith

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*for more information on serving on one of these teams  
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