

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 10, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2nd Advent Candle Lighting

Jeremiah 23:5-6, Zechariah 9:9-10

SONG | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee
 Israel's strength and consolation hope of all the earth thou art
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, dayspring from on high, appear
 Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
 O'er the hills the angels singing, glad tidings of a birth
 "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Comes to earth to taste our sadness, he, whose glories knew no end
 By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
 Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall
 This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King
 Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring
 By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone
 By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne

Come, Messiah, come

CONFESSION OF SIN

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Isaiah 52:7-10*

SONG | God With Us 

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
And you've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Our Deliverer, you are savior, in your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our redemption, God with us, you are God with us

Oh you've come to be hope to this world for your honor and name
And you've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

You are here, you are holy, we are standing in your glory

SONG | Joy to the World 

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Our World Belongs to God Pt. 1


As followers of Jesus Christ, we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Our world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God. He promised a Savior; now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation. God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself; he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary. Being both God and man, Jesus is the only mediator between God and his people. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior! The rule of Jesus Christ covers the whole world. To follow this Lord is to serve him everywhere, as light in the darkness, as salt in a spoiling world.

ADVENT TESTIMONY


READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD


Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 570 in pew bibles)

COMMUNION


The communion meal is a sign and seal of a believer's union with Christ. We invite all who have trusted in Christ and been baptized to partake in this meal. If you are still investigating Christianity or not sure what you believe, we invite you to observe during this time and further consider what these things mean.

SONG | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, heaven's highest love come down
 For the poor you left your glory and you laid aside your crown
 Weak and helpless here you slumber in a stable with your mother
 As the shepherds gather 'round do they know you've left your crown

Infant holy, infant lowly, you who once held heaven's power
 Now you lie here cold and hungry, in the silent midnight hour
 With your parents wrapped in worry, still exhausted from the journey
 You were helpless in that hour, yet you set aside your power

Infant holy infant lowly, King of kings and Lord of lords
 You have come to us with nothing as the poorest of the poor
 So we come to you in wonder, see you helpless as you slumber
 And we lay our gifts before, Christ, the Savior, weak and poor

SONG | Your Will Be Done

Your will be done, my God and Father, as in Heaven, so on earth
 My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek your kingdom first
 As Jesus walked, so I shall walk, held by your same unchanging love
 Be still my soul, oh, lift your voice and pray, Father, not my will but yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
 The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone
 What wondrous faith, to bear that cross, to bear my sin, what wondrous love
 My hope was sure, when there my Savior prayed
 Father, not my will but yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
 Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!
 As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
 My heart restored, with all your saints I sing, Father, not my will but yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
 That all the world might see your glory, and your Name be lifted high
 And in this Name we overcome, as your Kingdom surely comes
 Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray, Father, not my will but yours be done

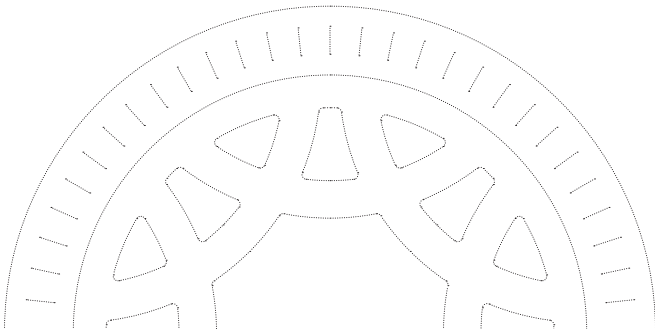
SONG | How Great Thou Art ◀

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
To reign on earth, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

BENEDICTION ▶

GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

Church is a family. A Gospel Community (GC) is a place where you can experience that reality. Groups meet throughout the week and across the city. You can message leaders directly or email gc@providenceaustin.com for help figuring out which GC would be a good fit for you.

CENTRAL

Miles & Katie Abell

Wednesday · 7:30pm · NW Hills
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Scott & Lana Urbis

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Stephen & Laura Smith

Sunday · 4:00pm · Highland
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Dillon & Lucy Walker

Wednesday · 7:45pm · Tarrytown
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Will & Debbie Walker

Tuesday · 7:45pm · Allandale
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Jordan & Darby Hurst

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FIRESIDE CAROLS | DEC 11 • 6:45PM

Come and sing your favorite Christmas Hymns around a bonfire with other Providence folks and residents from Community First Village! There will be hot chocolate and s'mores. Come with your GC, bring your family, and invite your friends for a festive time of singing and community, as we join with one of our great local ministry partners! Let us know if you are going to make it! RSVP at providenceaustin.com/firesidecarols.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DEC 24 • 5PM

We will only have once service this Christmas Eve, at 5pm. We will not meet in the morning at our normal time of 10:30am. It will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and childcare will not be provided. Please bring your kids with you to the service and invite your extended family and friends to join us! providenceaustin.com/calendar

GIVING

We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. There are several ways to give financially to the mission of God through Providence Church:

- 1 You can place your cash and/or check donations in one of the two offering boxes located at the front of the sanctuary.
- 2 You can setup automatic withdraw from your bank account. Go to www.providenceaustin.com/give for more info on giving online.
- 3 You can donate stock: Email donations@providenceaustin.com.

