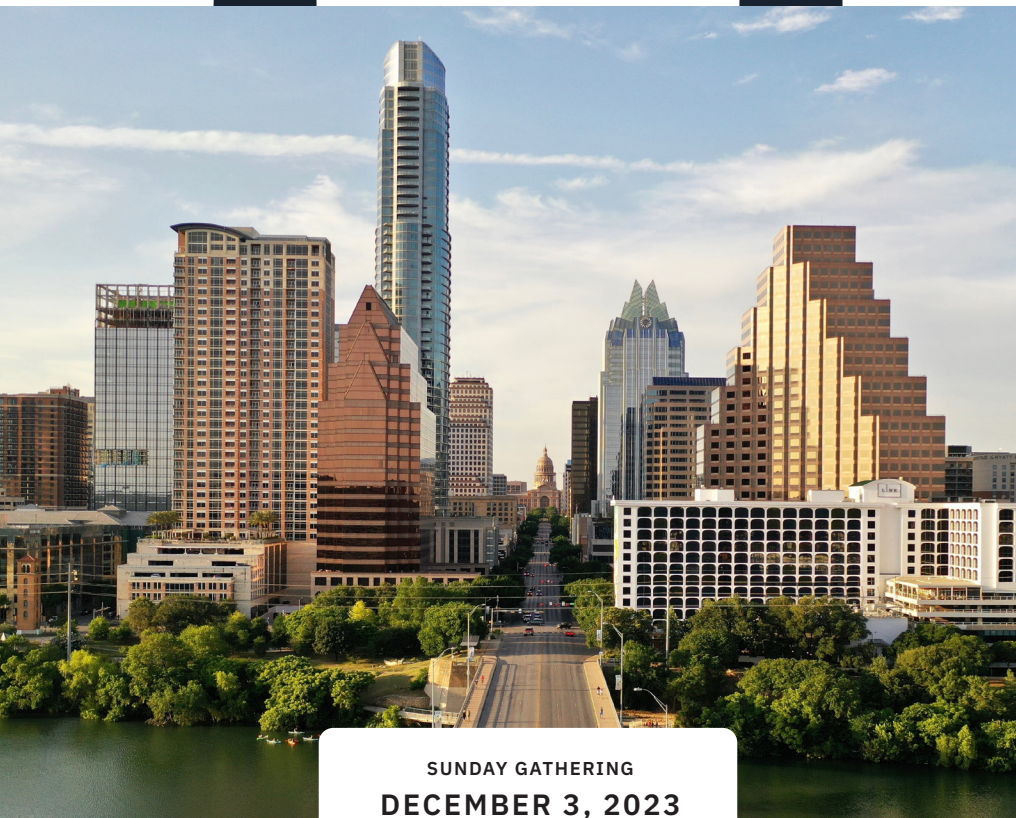


PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 3, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP | First Advent Candle Lighting ●

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

SONG | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ◀

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear
 Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free, thy children from Satan's tyranny
 From depths of Hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave
 Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come, desire of nations, bind, all peoples in one heart and mind
 Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, fill the whole world with heaven's peace
 Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

CONFESSION OF SIN ●

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ●

1 John 1:5-9

SONG | O Come All Ye Faithful


Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
 O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
 Come and behold him, born the King of angels

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

True God of true God, light from light eternal
 Humbly, he enters the virgin's womb
 Son of the Father, begotten, not created

Sing Choirs of Angels, sing in exultation
 Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
 Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

SONG | Behold Him


He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time
 He who made every living thing, behold him
 He who heard humanity's cry, left his throne to wake as a child
 He became like the least of us, behold him

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion
 Oh, be still and behold him

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame
 Even now he is in our midst, behold him
 He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt
 Buried death as he rose to life, behold him

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion
 Oh, be still and behold him

Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God, the risen Savior
 Oh, be still and behold him

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Adapted from John 1 

We profess and affirm that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him all things were made, and in him was life—the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ADVENT TESTIMONY 

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD 

Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 564 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 | **King of Kings** ◀

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit Three in One
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that he rose, as our Lord regained his breath
Then the stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

SONG | **Be Still My Soul** ◀

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to your God to order and provide, in every change, he will remain

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake, to guide the future, as in ages past
Your hope, Your mind, Your will let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on, when we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

SONG | Crown Him

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for me
And hail him as the matchless King, throughout eternity

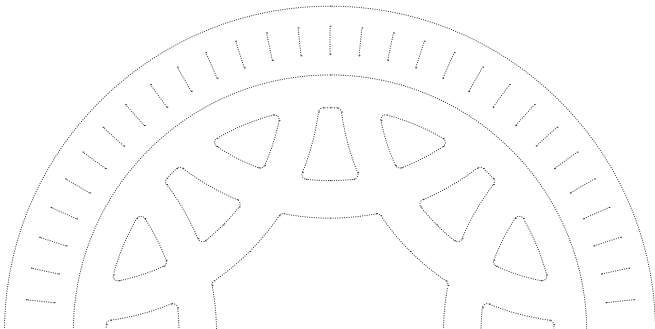
Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
The Lord of life, the Lord of love, the Lord of all!

Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
The Word made flesh, defeated death, when he rose
The Crucified is seated high, upon his throne, upon his throne!

Crown him the Lord of light, who humbly came to earth
And broke the chains of sin and shame, and one day shall return!
Creation groans for Him! With Christ, we long to be!
Emmanuel shall come to dwell and reign eternally

Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
In hope, we wait and we proclaim, "Messiah Come!"

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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Anton & Julia Cordes

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Damon & Leslie Crim

Wednesday · 7:30pm · Hyde Park
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John & Meg Gazzini

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Scott & Lana Urbis

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Stephen & Laura Smith

Sunday · 4:00pm · Highland
stephen@providenceaustin.com

Dillon & Lucy Walker

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

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Marat & Ophelia Chafigoulline

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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! 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.

