

# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 67*

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**SONG | Worship The King**

O worship the King, all glorious above  
 And gratefully sing his wonderful love  
 Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace  
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space  
 His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form  
 And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

You alone are the matchless King  
 To you alone be all majesty  
 Your glories, your wonders, what tongue can recite?  
 We offer our praise, bowing our lives

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
 In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail  
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

O merciful God, through Jesus Christ your light shines, but we still choose the darkness. We let our sins fester and grow in the shadows while we avoid the light and fail to let your light shine through us. Cleanse us, O Lord, and restore us to your image. In Christ we pray, amen.

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Colossians 1:11-13*

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**SONG | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**


Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
 He the theme of heavens praises, robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
 In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law, in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
 In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, he is alive!  
 What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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**SONG | All Glory Be to Christ**


Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
 Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
 A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, his kingdom come on earth as is above  
 Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love  
 Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I am, the faithful and the true  
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new  
 Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
 And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** | Adapted from 1 Timothy 

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. There is one God and one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. Great indeed is the mystery of godliness: Jesus Christ was revealed in flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, and taken up in glory.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** 

*Torch Sunday (4th & 5th graders)*

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD** 

*John 1:35-51 (pg. 833 in pew bibles)*

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**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.*

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**SONG | Christ Surrendered All** ◀

All, Lord Jesus, you surrendered, all to us you freely gave  
All our sin you bravely shouldered, for the world, to heal and save

All, Lord Jesus, you surrendered, all your rights you left behind  
Trading might for humble weakness, for the good of all mankind

Christ surrendered all, Christ surrendered all  
For his bride and our salvation, Christ surrendered all

All, Lord Jesus, you surrendered, all for me, your enemy  
Worldly pleasures I was seeking, still, Lord, you were seeking me

All your life is now our merit, all your death our ransom paid  
Now we feel no condemnation, just a love that cannot fade

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**SONG | I Want to Know You** ◀

I've tried in vain a thousand ways, my fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, your word has said is ever only, Jesus

You died, you live, you reign, you plead,  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs, in ever only, Jesus

I want to know you, Jesus my Lord, King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards,  
Jesus to know you, then know you more

Though some should curse me for your name, I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days, my ever only, Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean, like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless, O Jesus, I must know you more

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**SONG | Praise His Name (Psalm 148)** ◀

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise him, praise his name

O praise his name, O praise his name  
Let all his wondrous works declare his praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age  
O let them praise him, praise his name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by his decree  
Hear creation's melody, "Praise him! Praise him!"  
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead, praise him, praise him!  
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"  
Name above all other names, praise him

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**BENEDICTION** ▶

## CONNECTIONS

### GOSPEL COMMUNITIES



Gospel Communities (GCs) are the primary context in our church for discipleship, community, and missional life. They are smaller groups of people within Providence who are seeking to extend grace, speak truth, deal with conflict, meet needs, and invite others in. Groups meet throughout the week and across the city. Scan the QR code to see a full list of GCs or email [gc@providenceaustin.com](mailto:gc@providenceaustin.com) with any questions.

### PROVIDENCE RECOVERY



Providence Recovery is a Christ-centered, twelve-step program designed to help people point each other to Jesus for healing. We do this by providing fellowship and accountability in applying Christian principles and practices to every area of life. Our weekly meetings start at 7:00pm in the Activity Center. Scan the QR code to read more about Recovery or email [recovery@providenceaustin.com](mailto:recovery@providenceaustin.com) with any questions.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

We love students and we'd love to help you get connected to our church. Let's get coffee or meet up on campus. We have monthly social events where you can meet new people and weekly small groups to help you grow in your faith. Reach out to Alex at **214-707-7356** or [alex@providenceaustin.com](mailto:alex@providenceaustin.com).

### PROVIDENCE YOUTH

6th-12th grade students meet every other Sunday after church for food, fellowship, and Bible study. We also have monthly social events and discipleship opportunities. Email [stephen@providenceaustin.com](mailto:stephen@providenceaustin.com) to get connected or for more info on upcoming events.

**JOHN BIBLE STUDIES | STARTING JAN 16 & 17**

We have a tradition of beginning the year in God's Word together. This year, we will be studying The Upper Room Discourse in John 13-16, which is also the text for our spring preaching series. Men will meet on Tuesday mornings (starting Jan. 16) and Women on Wednesday mornings (starting Jan. 17), both from 6:30-8:00am in the chapel at University Avenue. Breakfast tacos and coffee provided! Sign up at [providenceaustin.com/johnstudy](http://providenceaustin.com/johnstudy).

**EOY GIVING | DEADLINE DEC 31**

Today is the last day to have your year-end gifts considered a 2023 contribution. You can give in several ways, which you can see detailed below. Giving statements will be sent out in mid-January as normal.

**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](http://www.providenceaustin.com/give) for more info on giving online.
- 3 You can donate stock: Email [donations@providenceaustin.com](mailto:donations@providenceaustin.com).

