

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
JANUARY 7, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP ●

Psalm 89:1-5

SONG | I Will Sing ◀

With my mouth I will tell of your faithfulness
I'll declare, Lord, your covenant with my life

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing of the Lord's great love
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever
I will sing, oh I will sing

Lord, you are the glory of all our strength
Your presence along the way, for all our days

Oh Lord God Almighty, who is like you?
Oh Lord God Almighty, none beside you!
Oh Lord God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to you

CONFESSION OF SIN ●

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love is inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. We acknowledge our failure to glorify you the way you designed us to. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ●

Romans 8:34-35, 38

SONG | Before the Throne of God Above


Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart
 I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
 No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look, and see him there, who made an end of all my sin
 Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
 For God the Just is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me
 To look on him and pardon me

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One, risen Son of God!

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness
 The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace
 One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
 With Christ, my Savior and my God

SONG | It Was Finished Upon that Cross


How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary
 He declares his work is finished, he has spoken this hope to me
 Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost
 Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me
 Full, the pardon he has offered, great, the welcome that I receive
 Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness
 There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
 But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love
 Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross
 Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God
 I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Valley of Vision 

Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, we adore you as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct Persons, for bringing sinners to knowledge of you and to your kingdom. Father, you have loved us and sent Jesus to redeem us; Jesus, you have loved us and assumed our nature, shed your own blood to wash away our sins, gave your righteousness to cover our unworthiness; Holy Spirit, you have loved us and entered our heart, implanted there eternal life, revealed to us the glories of Jesus. Three Persons and one God, we bless and praise you, for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 

Torch Sunday (4th & 5th Graders)

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD 

John 13:1-4 (pg. 846 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 | Nothing But the Blood ◀

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus

SONG | Jesus, Lover of My Soul ◀

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high
Hide me, oh my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing

Thou, oh Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee
Spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity

SONG | Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him, praise him angels in the height
Sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise him, all ye stars of light

Praise the Lord! For he hath spoken, worlds his mighty voice obeyed
Laws which never shall be broken, for their guidance he hath made

All creation join the song of praise, let every tongue declare his mighty ways
And we will sing of your goodness and mercy all of our days!

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious, never shall his promise fail
God hath made his saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail
Sin and death shall not prevail

Glory, glory, all glory to you Lord!

Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim
Heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his Name
Laud and magnify his Name

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 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 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.

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 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.

GOSPEL COMMUNITIES | START BACK JAN 14

Gospel Communities are truly the lifeblood of our church, and all of our groups are getting back to their normal gatherings next week! If you are not yet connected to a GC, this is a great time to jump in. You can email gc@providenceaustin.com with any questions.

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.

