

# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*1 Chronicles 16:8-13, 23-27*

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**SONG | Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)**

You made the starry hosts, you traced the mountain peaks

You paint the evening sky with wonders

The earth, it is your throne, from desert to the sea

All nature testifies your splendor

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord; sing his greatness all creation

Praise the Lord, raise your voice; you heights and all you depths

From furthest east to west, let everything that has breath praise the Lord

You reached into the dust, in love, your Spirit breathed

You formed us in your very likeness

To know your wondrous works, to tell your mighty deeds

To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out

All heaven hear the sound of worship

Let every nation bring, its honors to the King, a roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord; sing his greatness all creation

Praise the Lord, raise your voice; you heights and all you depths

From furthest east to west, you distant burning stars, all creatures near and far

From sky to sea and shore, sing out forevermore

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Gracious God, we affirm that you alone are good. But we have sought our good in other things. We have pursued joy in the creation rather than in the Creator.

We have not loved what is truly good. Forgive our sin, O God. Forgive us for refusing to believe that you are good, and that you do good. Have mercy upon us, according to your goodness, according to your unfailing love. Amen.

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Hebrews 4:13-16*

**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

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

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 in 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

**SONG | All My Boast is in Jesus** ◀

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me  
 His goodness, his merit, his righteousness, this sinner's only plea  
 O foolish pride, be crucified, the work is finished

All my boast is in Jesus, all my hope is his love  
 And I will glory forever, in what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled, with graces undeserved  
 For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return  
 Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord, who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed, him alone my heart adores  
 And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God  
 I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in plenty or in want  
 That I may know, that all may see, his pow'r within me

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed, clean in his sight  
 And I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ  
 My boast is Jesus Christ, forever my boast is Jesus Christ

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** | Adapted from Hebrews

We profess and affirm that Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God, the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. Jesus partook of flesh and blood, that through death he might destroy Satan and deliver us from the power of sin and death. Being made like us, he sympathizes with our weaknesses, but is himself without sin. As our great high priest, he is the mediator of a better covenant—through the blood of his sacrifice we may draw near to God. All praise, glory, and honor be to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith!

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*John 15:1-11, 16-17 (pg. 848 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.*

**SONG | I Need Thee Every Hour** ◀

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
 No tender voice like thine can peace afford

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby  
 Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain, come quickly and abide, or life is vain

I need thee every hour, most Holy One  
 O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me  
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures  
 He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures

**SONG | Abide With Me** ◀

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide, the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide  
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile  
 And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
 Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee  
 On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need thy presence, every passing hour  
 What but thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
 Who like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
 In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

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**SONG | We Will Feast in the House of Zion** ◀

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored  
“He has done great things!” We will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed you are the Faithful One  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom

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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.

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM | SIGN UP BY FEB 29**

Providence Mentorship is a 10-month program that matches people for one-on-one discipleship. The goal is to build a relationship in which a mentor can help you mature in faith through truth, wisdom, accountability, encouragement, and prayer. Meetings will start up in March. To learn more about the program and register, visit [providenceaustin.com/mentorship](http://providenceaustin.com/mentorship).

**WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY | BEGINS FEB 21 & 23**

Today is the last day to register for our Women's Spring Study! We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes together using Hannah Anderson's *Life Under the Sun*. There are two options for group meeting times: Wednesday at 6:30am or Friday at 10am. This 8 week study begins this week, so sign up today at [providenceaustin.com/springstudy](http://providenceaustin.com/springstudy) to get your materials in time!

**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).

