

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-5,8-13

SONG | Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee

Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee

Which wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee

Though the eye of sinful man, thy glory may not see

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee

Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, hear us as we come to you confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our heart. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures toward you and toward our family and friends. Have mercy upon us and grant that we may from now on serve and please you in newness of life. We pray through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:1-5

SONG | Thy Mercy, My God ◀

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Has won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through thy free goodness, my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine

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 | Psalm 103

We profess and affirm that God alone is worthy of all blessing and honor and praise. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He does not deal with us according to our sins. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love toward those who fear him. And as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As parents feel for their children, God feels for those who fear him. His love is eternally present to those who keep his covenant and remember to do what he said. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 15:18-16:4 (pg. 848 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 | **It is Well With My Soul** ◀

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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 | None But Thee ◀

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, thou O Lord our guide shall be
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but thee

As an emblem of thy passion and thy victory o'er the grave
We who know thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave

Fall on us O Holy Lord, our hearts O King are only yours
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but thee
Will follow none but thee

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue
Buried with our Lord and rising, to a life divinely new

Sin shall never be our master, captives of thy blessed grace
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek thy face

We will follow none but thee

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.

MUSIC TEAM AUDITIONS | MARCH 3 • 1PM

Our weekly worship service at Providence is a family gathering, and we desire for our music team to be comprised wholly of musicians within our church family who are using their gifts to build up the body. To that end, we are holding auditions to grow our music team! To learn more and let us know you're coming, fill out the form at providenceaustin.com/musicauditions.

WOMEN'S DINNER FOR SEVEN | SIGN UP BY MARCH 22

Join us for a night to connect with women at our church. This dinner is designed to encourage fun and fellowship while helping women in church get to know each other better and spend time with new people from a different GC, different stage of life, etc. What better way to do it than at an informal dinner! Sign up for a group at providenceaustin.com/dinnerfor7.

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.

