

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
MARCH 17, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

SONG | Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper, thy work and defend thee
 Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee

Praise the Lord!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
 Shelters thee under his wings yea so gently sustaineth
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been, granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him
 Let the amen sound from his people again, gladly forever adore him

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, you have called us to be a new community in Christ, and yet we remain divided. We confess that we withhold our compassion, time, gifts, and care from one another. Out of self-centeredness, we choose our individual preferences at the expense of the whole body. Forgive us our pride, jealousy, prejudice, and fear. By your Holy Spirit, revive and reshape us in your image. Bind us together in genuine love and mutual trust. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:5-10

SONG | O Great God ◀

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart
 Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
 Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
 You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice
 Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
 Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
 Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
 You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
 O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your Name through me

SONG | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ◀

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays
 Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
 Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever bless'd
 Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine
 Teach us how to love each other, lift us to thy joy divine

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began
 Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
 Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Doctrinal Statement, Pt. 11


We believe that the universal church is manifest in local churches, of which Christ is the only Head. The church is distinguished by her gospel message, her sacred ordinances, her discipline, her great mission, and by her members' love for God, love for one another, and love for the world. Christ Jesus is our peace: he has not only brought about peace with God, but also peace between alienated peoples. The church serves as a sign of God's future new world when its members live for the service of one another and their neighbors, rather than for self-focus. The church is the corporate dwelling place of God's Spirit, and the continuing witness to God in the world.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH


Torch Sunday (4th & 5th graders)

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD


Selected verses from John 17 (pg. 849 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 | 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 | Jesus Paid it All ◀

I hear the Savior say, "thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all"

Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat

O praise the one who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead

SONG | Our Great God ◀

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone
Hallelujah, glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail and helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, and hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee, before our sovereign God

Let every creature in the sea, and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word

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.

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 so we can get to know each other better and spend time with people from a different GC, different stage of life, etc. Sign up to join a group or to host at providenceaustin.com/dinnerfor7.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | MARCH 29 • 7PM

On Good Friday, we will gather to remember the death of Jesus. The Innocent One was punished; the Healer was wounded; the Teacher was silenced; the Son was forsaken. On Easter morning we will celebrate the empty tomb, but on Good Friday we remember the wrath of God poured out on Christ, who suffered once for sins. Children are welcome, but no childcare will be provided. The service begins at 7pm in the sanctuary.

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.

