

# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING  
APRIL 21, 2024

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** ●

*Psalm 89:1-5*

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**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

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**CONFESSION OF SIN** ●

We confess, our Father, that we do not live into our family calling as your new covenant people. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief and make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ●

*Lamentations 3:22-26*

**SONG** | **Great is Thy Faithfulness** ◀

Great is thy faithfulness, oh God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

I could not love thee, so blind and unfeeling  
Covenant promises fell not to me  
Then without warning, desire, or deserving  
I found my treasure, my pleasure, in thee

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand besides

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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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**PROFESSION OF FAITH | Adapted from Psalm 145**

We rejoice and trust that the Lord is gracious and merciful, he is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He is good and his mercy is over all that he has made. The mercy of the Lord is such that he upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. He gives food in due season to those who look to him and he satisfies the desire of every living thing. The Lord is faithful in all his words, righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. He is near to all who call on him in truth and he saves those who fear him. The Lord preserves all who love him, but the wicked he will destroy. Our mouths shall speak the praise of our most gracious and merciful God!

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Revelation 2:1-7 (pg 965 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** All Sufficient Merit ◀

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
 A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
 My righteousness, I forfeit, at my Savior's cross  
 Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love, he condescended, eternal now in time  
 A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die  
 The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won  
 Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe  
 Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts  
 Good works all corrupted by the sinful host  
 I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white  
 No more fear of judgment, his righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death  
 The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath  
 And when I stand accepted before the throne of God  
 I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank him for the cross

**SONG** | Be Thou My Vision ◀

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart  
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
 I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord  
 Thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always  
 Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
 Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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**SONG | How Great Thou Art** ◀

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
To reign on earth, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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**BENEDICTION** ◻

## 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.

**MEN'S PICKLEBALL EVENT | APRIL 27 • 11A-3P**

Join the men of our church for a pickleball tournament out at Frontyard Brewing in Spicewood. Registration is \$15. Equipment, water, and lunch will be provided. This is a great chance to meet other men in our church and outside of your GC! Sign up at [providenceaustin.com/pickleball](http://providenceaustin.com/pickleball).

**SERVE IN PROVIDENCE KIDS | 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of 10 more volunteers to help fill some of the gaps we have in our Summer PK schedule. If you are not yet serving somewhere on Sundays, would you please consider serving in the PK rotation? You are helping to fill a real need, plus, serving on Sundays is a good way to get more connected to the community at Providence. If you have any questions about PK, please email [haley@providenceaustin.com](mailto:haley@providenceaustin.com). To sign up, fill out the form at [providenceaustin.com/pkvolunteer](http://providenceaustin.com/pkvolunteer).

**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).

