

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 1, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP | First Advent Candle Lighting

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SONG | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free, thy children from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come, desire of nations, bind, all peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, fill the whole world with heaven's peace
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:5-9

SONG | God With Us


You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
 And you've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
 Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Our Deliverer, you are Savior, in your presence we find our strength
 Over everything, our redemption, God with us, you are God with us

Oh you've come to be hope to this world for your honor and name
 And you've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
 Oh Emmanuel, God with us

You are here, you are holy, we are standing in your glory

SONG | Hark the Herald Angels Sing


Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, "God and sinners reconciled"
 Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
 With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Adapted from John 1

We profess and affirm that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him all things were made, and in him was life—the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ADVENT TESTIMONY

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

Mark 7:1-23 (pg 791 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 | Mystery ◀

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity
Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity

Bread of heaven broken for me
Cup of salvation held up to drink
Jesus mystery

Christ has died and Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Celebrate his death and rising
Lift your eyes, proclaim his coming
Celebrate his death and rising
Lift your eyes, lift your eyes

SONG | Hold Him High ◀

Before he spoke the word that laid the world's foundation
He knew us as beloved and adored
Set apart in love to be his new creation
Oh, that we would find in him our great reward
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

Holiest Son of Man, worthy and lifted lamb
Heaven's exalted king, he is our righteousness
Light of the world in us, there is no brighter love
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

The wonder of his will, revealed in our redemption
It's only by his blood that we're made whole
For he is the way, the truth, the life forever
On the praises of the Church he is enthroned
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

Holy, holy, God Almighty, awesome, eternal King, and Christ
Heaven and earth sing, "he is worthy," Lord over all, be lifted high

SONG | Christ is Coming ◀

Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and travail cease
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, thou blessed Prince of Peace

Earth can now but tell the story, of thy bitter cross and pain
She shall yet behold the glory, when thou comest back to reign
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain

Long thine exiles have been pining, far from rest, and home, and thee
But, in heav'nly vestures shining, they their loving Lord shall see
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Haste the joyous jubilee

With the blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung
Let the mighty advent chorus, onward roll from tongue to tongue
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come

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.

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 are on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Activity Center (first floor of the building).

Scan the QR code to read more or email recovery@providenceaustin.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS



We love college students, and we would 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.

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming college schedule or reach out to our college director, Alex Moser (alex@providenceaustin.com / 214-707-7356).

PROVIDENCE YOUTH



Middle School students (6th-8th) meet after church three times a month for lunch, Bible study, and games.

High School students (9th-12th) meet in small groups twice a month, and a large group gathering once a month.

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming youth schedule or reach out to our youth director, Stephen Smith (stephen@providenceaustin.com).

GUATEMALA TRIP | FEB. 12-17, 2025 • SIGN UP BY DEC 8

On February 12-17 we will be taking a group from Providence to two of our international partners in Guatemala City, Casa Bernabé and Iglesia Reforma. We have limited spots, so sign up and place a deposit if you are interested in joining the team! providenceaustin.com/guatemala

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DECEMBER 24 • 5PM

We will have once service this Christmas Eve, at 5pm. It will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and childcare will not be provided. Please bring your kids with you to the service and invite your extended family and friends to join us!

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.

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