

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 8, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP | Second Advent Candle Lighting*Jeremiah 23:5-6 & Zechariah 9:9-10***SONG** | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee
 Israel's strength and consolation hope of all the earth thou art
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, dayspring from on high, appear
 Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
 O'er the hills the angels singing, glad tidings of a birth
 "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Comes to earth to taste our sadness, he, whose glories knew no end
 By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
 Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall
 This, the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King
 Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring
 By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone
 By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne

Come, Messiah, come

CONFESSION OF SIN

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*Jeremiah 33:6-9*

SONG | O Come All Ye Faithful ◀

Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
 O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
 Come and behold him, born the King of angels

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

True God of true God, light from light eternal
 Humbly, he enters the virgin's womb
 Son of the Father, begotten, not created

Sing Choirs of Angels, sing in exultation
 Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
 Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord

For he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

SONG | Behold Him ◀

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time
 He who made every living thing, behold him
 He who heard humanity's cry, left his throne to wake as a child
 He became like the least of us, behold him

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion
 Oh, be still and behold him

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame
 Even now he is in our midst, behold him
 He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt
 Buried death as he rose to life, behold him

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion
 Oh, be still and behold him

Jesus, Alpha and Omega, our God, the risen Savior
 Oh, be still and behold him

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As followers of Jesus Christ, we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Our world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God. He promised a Savior; now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation. God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself; he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary. Being both God and man, Jesus is the only mediator between God and his people. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior! The rule of Jesus Christ covers the whole world. To follow this Lord is to serve him everywhere, as light in the darkness, as salt in a spoiling world.

ADVENT TESTIMONY

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

Mark 7:24-30 (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 | Infant Holy Infant Lowly ◀

Infant holy, infant lowly, heaven's highest love come down
For the poor you left your glory and you laid aside your crown
Weak and helpless here you slumber in a stable with your mother
As the shepherds gather 'round do they know you've left your crown

Infant holy, infant lowly, you who once held heaven's power
Now you lie here cold and hungry, in the silent midnight hour
With your parents wrapped in worry, still exhausted from the journey
You were helpless in that hour, yet you set aside your power

Infant holy, infant lowly, King of kings and Lord of lords
You have come to us with nothing as the poorest of the poor
So we come to you in wonder, see you helpless as you slumber
And we lay our gifts before Christ, the Savior, weak and poor

SONG | King of Kings ◀

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit Three in One
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that he rose, as our Lord regained his breath
Then the stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

SONG | Crown Him ◀

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for me
And hail him as the matchless King, throughout eternity

Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
The Lord of life, the Lord of love, the Lord of all
The Lord of all

Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
The Word made flesh, defeated death, when he rose
The crucified is seated high, upon his throne
Upon his throne

Crown him the Lord of light, who humbly came to earth
To break the chains of sin and shame, and one day shall return
Creation groans for him, with Christ, we long to be
Emmanuel shall come to dwell, and reign eternally

Oh crown him, crown him, Jesus
In hope, we wait and we proclaim, "Messiah 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).

END OF YEAR GIVING | DEADLINE DEC 31

Make sure to get your year-end gifts postmarked by December 31st to be considered a 2024 contribution. You can give year-end gifts in several ways, which you can see detailed below. Giving statements will be sent out in mid-January as normal.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DEC 24 • 5PM

We will have a Christmas Eve service at 5pm this year. It will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and childcare will not be provided. Invite your extended family and friends to join us!

BAPTISM CELEBRATION | JAN 12 • AFTER GATHERED WORSHIP

Our next baptism celebration will be held on January 12th. If you would like to learn more about baptism, please email baptism@providenceaustin.com.

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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