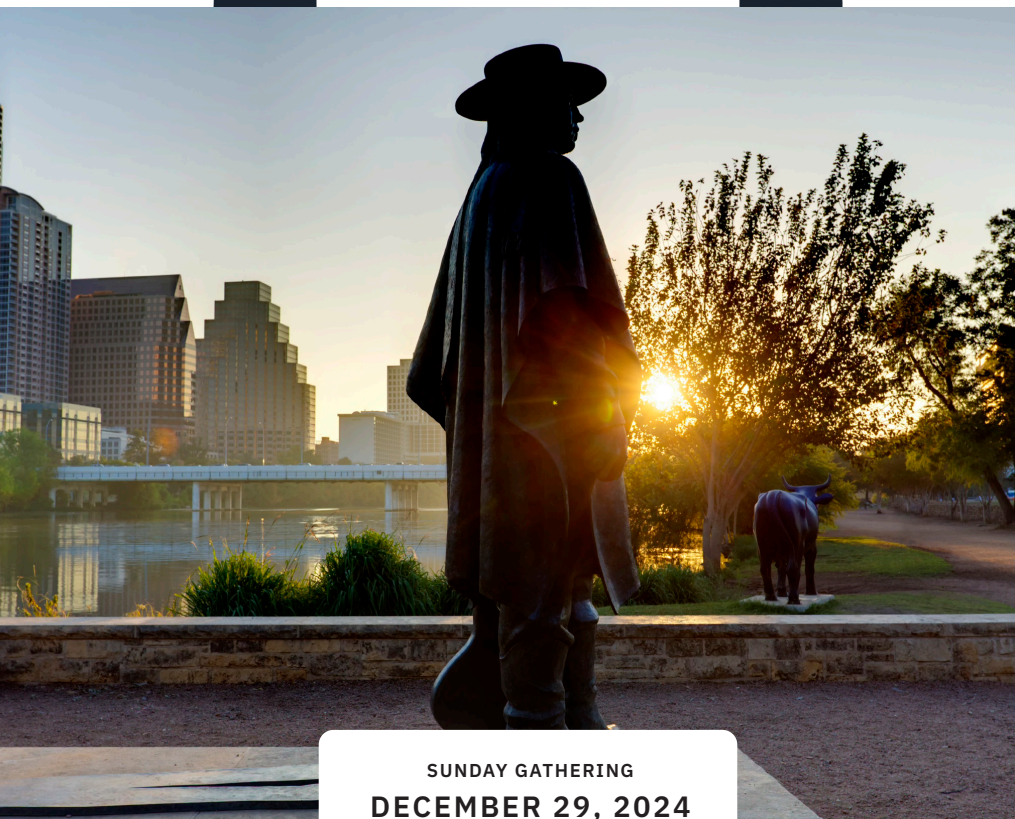


# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING  
DECEMBER 29, 2024

**CALL TO WORSHIP***Hebrews 1:1-4***SONG | Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King  
 Let every heart prepare him room  
 And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing  
 And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, let men their songs employ  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy  
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground  
 He comes to make his blessings flow  
 Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found  
 Far as, far as, the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
 The glories of his righteousness  
 And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love  
 And wonders, wonders of his love

**CONFESSION OF SIN | Adapted from Galatians 4**

God our Father, we confess that we fail to live in light of the coming, both past and future, of your Son Jesus Christ. He came to redeem those under the law, but we live as those still under it. You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts, but we choose instead to live as slaves to our flesh. You purchased our freedom and adopted us as your sons and daughters, but we fail to live out of our identity as your children. Forgive our fear and unbelief. Help us to live as your sons and daughters, heirs to your Fatherly blessings, because of what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON***Galatians 4:4-7*

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**SONG | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**


Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
 He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
 In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
 In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, he is alive!  
 What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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**SONG | All Glory Be to Christ**


Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
 Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
 To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
 A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, his kingdom come on earth as is above  
 Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love  
 Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I am, the faithful and the true  
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new  
 Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
 And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** | Adapted from 1 Timothy

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. There is one God and one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. Great indeed is the mystery of godliness: Jesus Christ was revealed in flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, and taken up in glory.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Luke 2:22-38 (pg 805 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 | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me** ◀

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, 'all is mine!'  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, 'I am free!'  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said, that he will bring me home  
And day by day, I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

**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

**SONG | O Worship the King** ◀

O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing his wonderful love

Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space

His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form

And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

You alone are the matchless King, to you alone be all majesty

Your glories, your wonders, what tongue can recite?

We offer our praise, bowing our lives

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end

Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend

**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).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stephen@providenceaustin.com)).

**INDUCTIVE STUDIES | STARTING JAN 14 & 15**

We have a tradition of beginning the year in God's Word together. This year, we will be continuing in the book of Mark, the text for our spring preaching series. Men will meet on Tuesday mornings (starting Jan. 14) and Women on Wednesday mornings (starting Jan. 15), both from 6:30-8:00am in the chapel at University Avenue. Breakfast tacos and coffee provided! Sign up at [providenceaustin.com/januarystudy](http://providenceaustin.com/januarystudy).

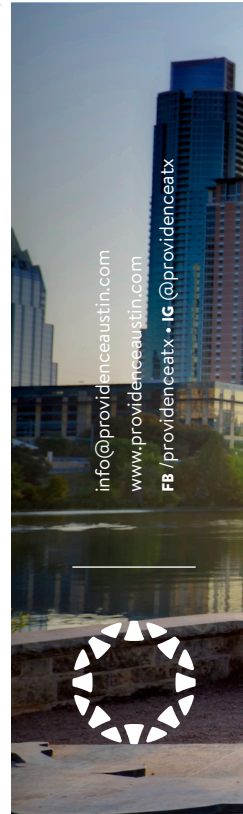
**AN EVENING WITH DR. PENNINGTON | JAN 7 • 7PM**

Come spend an evening with Dr. Jonathan Pennington as he teaches on how the unique literary style of the Gospels should affect the way Christians read and interpret the biblical accounts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Learn more and save your spot at [providenceaustin.com/pennington](http://providenceaustin.com/pennington).

**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).



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