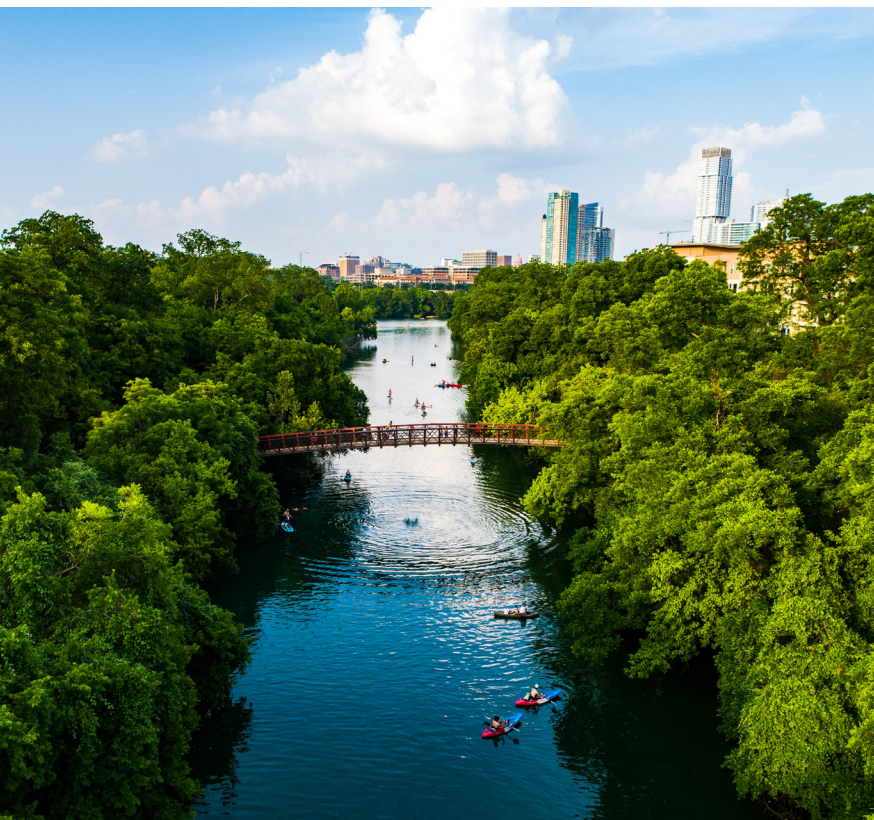




PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING | DECEMBER 7, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP | Second Advent Candle Lighting*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

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

Lord Jesus, you are our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
and Prince of Peace, yet we confess that we do not live under your gracious
rule. We ignore your wisdom, doubt your power, forget your love, and resist
your peace. Forgive us for refusing the light of your kingdom, whose justice and
righteousness will never end. By your Spirit, turn our hearts back to you and
help us reflect your mercy and peace. In your saving name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*1 John 1:5-9*

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 | Our World Belongs to God



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



Torch Sunday (4th & 5th graders)

READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD



John 12:44-50 (pg 846 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 | To Thee We Run

When these days of shadow pass and suffering is no more

A fire in the dark will glow, and Christ our souls restore

Holy child of mystery, please set ablaze our hearts

With grace unending love so pure, and pierce the ancient dark

O Light! Heaven shine down on earth

O Joy! Come and break the curse

We praise the name above every name

A light has come and Christ to thee we run

As the tide of heaven's wrath is washed beneath the sea

A Living Stream shall quench our thirst for all eternity

SONG | Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain

Leave to your God to order and provide

In every change, he will remain

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake

To guide the future, as in ages past

Your hope, your mind, your will let nothing shake

All now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on

When we shall be forever with the Lord

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone

Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

Be still my soul

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

We'll give him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory

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

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy

For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

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 learn more 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).

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!

END OF YEAR GIVING | DEADLINE DEC 31

Make sure to get your year-end gifts postmarked by December 31st to be considered a 2025 contribution. You can give year-end gifts in several ways, detailed below. Giving statements will be sent out in mid-January.

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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