



PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING | DECEMBER 14, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP | Third Advent Candle Lighting*Zechariah 9:9-12*

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 Day-spring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O Come, Thou King of nations bring an end to all our suffering
Bid every pain and sorrow cease and reign now as our Prince of Peace
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things! By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to depend on your grace, living grateful and joyful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*Isaiah 52:7-10*

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

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

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

SONG | Angels From The Realms Of Glory ◀

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen his guiding star

Come, come and worship Jesus

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Nicene Creed



We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ADVENT TESTIMONY



READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD



John 6:35-40 (pg 838 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 | The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

So let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who came to seek and save the lost
And with his blood mankind he bought

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 | What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him
Raise, raise this song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross he bore for me, for you
Hail, hail the word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary

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 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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