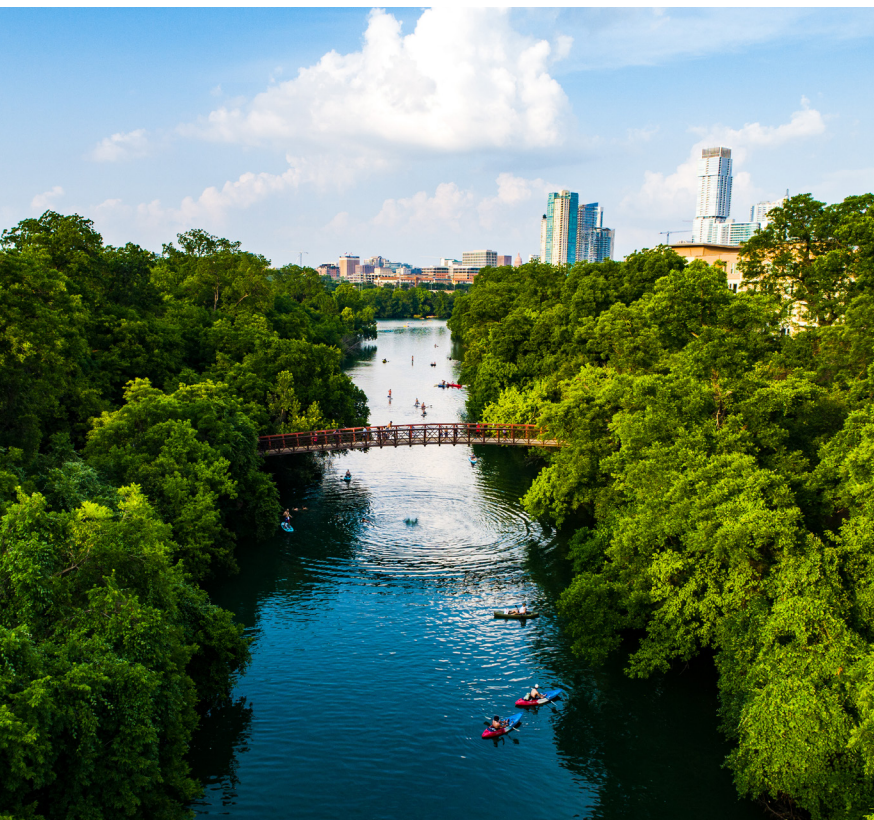




# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING | DECEMBER 21, 2025

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** | Fourth Advent Candle Lighting*Isaiah 42*

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**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

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*Zephaniah 3:14-17*

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### 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

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### 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!"

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**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.

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**ADVENT TESTIMONY**

*Torch Sunday (4th & 5th graders)*

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*John 18:33-38 (pg 851 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.*

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**SONG | Until He Comes Again**

By this, we remember in faith as we gather  
With bread and wine we remember, until he comes again

When he comes again, like a thief in the night  
When he comes again, all the wrongs will be right  
Oh the earth lifted up as heaven comes down  
We remember until he comes again

By this, we remember in hope as we gather  
With bread and wine we remember, until he comes again

By this, we remember your love as we gather  
With bread and wine we remember, until he comes again

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**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

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**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

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**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](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)).

**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.

**JANUARY MEN & WOMEN'S STUDIES | JAN 13 & 14**

Men meet on Tuesday (starting Jan. 13) and Women on Wednesday (starting Jan. 14), both from 6:30-8:00am in the chapel at UA. Breakfast tacos and coffee provided! Sign up at [providenceaustin.com/januarystudy](https://providenceaustin.com/januarystudy).

**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](https://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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