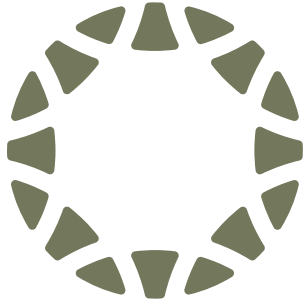




# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING | AUGUST 23, 2026

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*1 Chronicles 16:8-13; 23-27*

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**SONG | Praise His Name (Psalm 148)**

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise him, praise his name

O praise his name, O praise his name  
Let all his wondrous works declare his praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age  
O let them praise him, praise his name

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by his decree  
Hear creation's melody, "Praise him! Praise him!"  
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead, praise him, praise him!  
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"  
Name above all other names, praise him

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know our countless sins—our pride and unbelief, and our failure to seek you in our daily lives. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know our tendency towards self-concern that results in conceit and vanity. In your tender mercy, forgive us, soften us, and mold us into the image of Jesus. Strengthen us to depend on your grace and to live in humble obedience. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*1 Timothy 1:15*

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**SONG | He Will Hold Me Fast** ◀

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast  
He won't let my soul be lost, his promises shall last  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last

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**SONG | It Was Finished Upon That Cross** ◀

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished, he has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon he has offered, great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed  
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH | Adapted From Ephesians 2**

We profess and affirm with the Holy Scriptures that we were dead in our trespasses and sins, in which we walked, following the passions of our flesh. We were by nature children of wrath, in bondage to sin, and unable to do what is good. But God, because of His great love, made us alive with Christ, and freed us from bondage to sin. By God's grace we are reborn, and given the ability to repent of sin, to walk in new life, to boast in his power, and to will what is good as God's own children. Thanks be to God for His abundant grace and mercy!

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Acts 9:1-20 (pg 863 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 | All Sufficient Merit**

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
My righteousness, I forfeit, at my Savior's cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love, he condescended, eternal now in time  
A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die  
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe  
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts  
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white  
No more fear of judgment, his righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath  
And when I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank him for the cross

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**SONG | It Is Well With My Soul**

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

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**SONG | Only You**

You have known my every situation, and your goodness sustains me Lord  
I will bow in humble expectation of your presence in the storm

Yes, there will be trial and tribulation, and you'll grant me breath to persevere  
May my heart beat in pure anticipation, of the day you'll dry these tears

Only you have set the earth on its foundation  
Only you give orders to the dawn  
Only you can know the depths of every ocean  
Only you deserve our song

Lord, you are like thunder to a whisper, yes your greatness knows no bounds  
All these things too wonderful to speak of, fill my soul with a heavenly sound

Only you have torn the cover off the darkness  
You expose the evils of the night  
Only you reveal your glory to the humble  
Only you are clothed in light

Here I am in the valley of decision, I know you hear me when I call  
I repent of my prideful disposition, where was I when the stars sang out

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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 and fill out the form to get connected to our college director, Alex Moser ([alex@providenceaustin.com](mailto:alex@providenceaustin.com) / 214-707-7356).

## PROVIDENCE YOUTH



**Middle School students (6th-8th)** meet every other Sunday at 10:30am in the loft for 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, Parker Puckett ([parker@providenceaustin.com](mailto:parker@providenceaustin.com)).

**WOMEN'S FALL STUDY | SEP 11 • 7 & 10 AM**

In this 10-week study through Exodus, we'll explore God's character, his power to save, and what it means to live as people who belong to Him. Details and registration at [providenceaustin.com/womensstudy](http://providenceaustin.com/womensstudy).

**WOMEN'S RETREAT | OCT 3**

The women of Providence will be gathering for a one-day retreat October 3 at Wellspring Center in Blanco, Tx. Spots are limited, register by September 18. Learn more and sign up at [providenceaustin.com/womensretreat](http://providenceaustin.com/womensretreat).

**WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING | TUESDAYS • 7 AM**

We meet every Tuesday morning at the church office (611 S Congress Ave, Suite 100) to pray together. You can receive prayer for personal needs as well as participate in praying for the needs and mission of the church.

**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).

