



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

February 23rd, 2025

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord. **

Providence
Church

The Church's One Foundation



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. *The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,*
 4. *Though with a scorn - ful won - der Men see her sore op - pressed,*
 5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,
 6. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three - in - One



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish Is with her to the end.
By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won -



From Heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
A - gainst the foe or trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song!
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.
 Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.



**GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US**

Prelude

Hadassah Cowart

Pianist

Brittany Shaffer

Exhortation

He Will Come Again in Glory

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

The Church's One Foundation

Call to Worship

*Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen!

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1-2

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Maker of Heaven and Earth!

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Psalm of Faith

People: Amen

Psalm 7, O Lord My God, in You I Refuge Take

O LORD My God, in You I Refuge Take

Based on Psalm 7

Guitar chords for unison singing only

Em D G D Em B Em F#m

1. ¹O LORD my God, in You I re - fuge take. Oh, save me
 2. ³O LORD my God, if wrong is in my hands, ⁴If I did
 3. ⁶A - rise, O LORD! In an - ger lift Your - self A - gainst the
 4. In tri - umph o - ver them, re - turn on high. ⁸The LORD now

⁵Bm F#m B Bm Em D C

from all those who me pur - sue. ²Lest he should like a li - on
 e - vil to my friend or foe, ⁵Let my pur - su - er o - ver -
 fu - ry of my en - e - mies. A - wake for me! Your judg - ment
 sits to judge the peo - ples all. Oh, vin - di - cate me, LORD, in

⁹Am G D Bm F#m G G Em B Em

tear my soul And drag me off, with none to res - cue me.
 take me now And tram - ple in the dust my life, my soul.
 You have set. ⁷Let peo - ples in as - sem - bly com - pass You.
 right - eous - ness, Ac - cord - ing to in - teg - ri - ty in me.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 © 2009 Crown & Covenant Publications.

SONG 24

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GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts!*

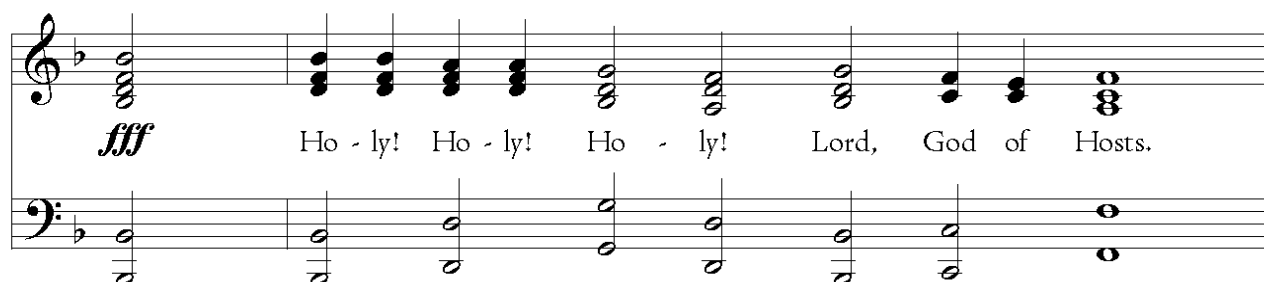
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

People: **It is proper and right to do so.**

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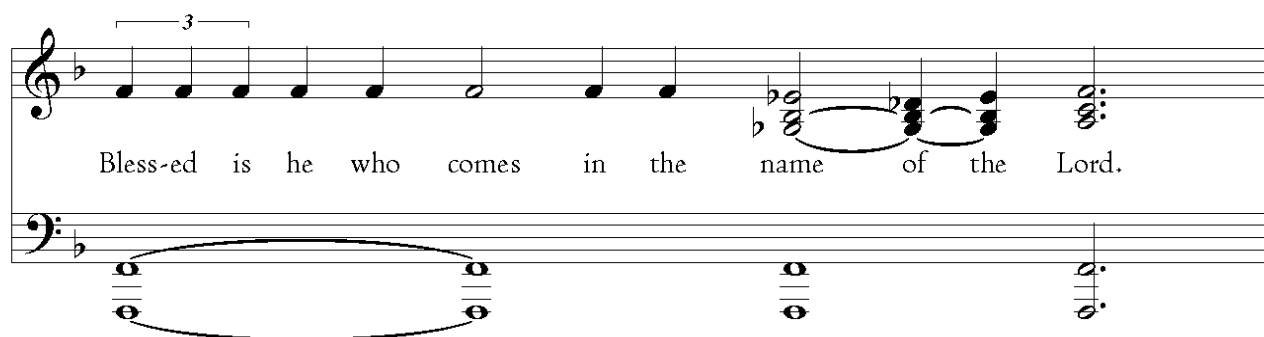
Pastor: *Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



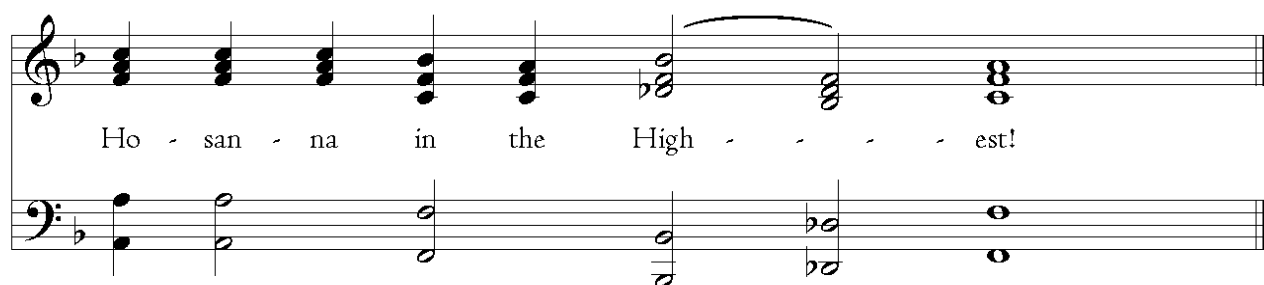
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High - est!



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

Pastor: A Psalm. A Song. For the Sabbath Day.

It is good to give thanks to Yahweh,

**People: And to play music to your name,
Most High,**

*To declare in the morning your
lovingkindness,*

And your faithfulness by night,

Upon ten-string and upon harp,

Upon whispering lyre,

*For you have made me glad, Yahweh, by
your work;*

At the deeds of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your deeds, Yahweh!

Very deep are your thoughts.

A senseless man does not know,

Nor does a fool understand this:

When the wicked spring up like grass

And all troublemakers flourish,

*It is so that they will be destroyed forever
and ever.*

**But you yourself are exalted
everlastingly, Yahweh,**

For behold, your enemies, Yahweh,

For behold, your enemies will perish.

Scattered will be all troublemakers;

**But you have exalted my horn like that
of the wild ox; I have been anointed with
fresh oil.**

*And my eye beholds those who watch
me;*

**When they rose up against me, wicked
men, my ears heard.**

*The righteous man, like a palm tree, will
spring up;*

Like a cedar in Lebanon he will grow.

Planted in Yahweh's house,

**In the courts of our God they will spring
up.**

They will still bear fruit in old age;

Full of sap and green they will be,

To proclaim that Yahweh is upright;

My rock, and there is no injustice in him.

Amen!

Yes! Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE NICENE CREED

(Please Remain Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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 worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading

Numbers 22:20-35

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Revelation 2:12-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

John 6:25-40

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of Faith:

Fairest Lord Jesus

People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Uri Brito

Title: **Pergamum: Behold, a Host Arrayed in White, Part 5** (Outline on last page)

Text: Revelation 2:12-17

OFFERTORY **

(Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn of Response:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

People: Amen

*** In the Old Testament the last part of the consecration was the Tribute Offering. It represented all the work that had been done by the person making that sacrifice. Our Offertory, the tithes and offerings, corresponds to this Tribute Offering. This is an act of corporate worship, thanking God for our ability to work and confessing that all your labors are for him and for his kingdom. The Tithing Box is at the back of the Church.*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Guitar chords are for unison singing only

Capo 1:D Bm A D B Em A D

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, King of cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

5 G D A D A D B Em

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

11 A D G D/A A D

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Music: Silesian melody, Leipzig, 1842

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU [CRUSADERS' HYMN]

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss (1823–1904)

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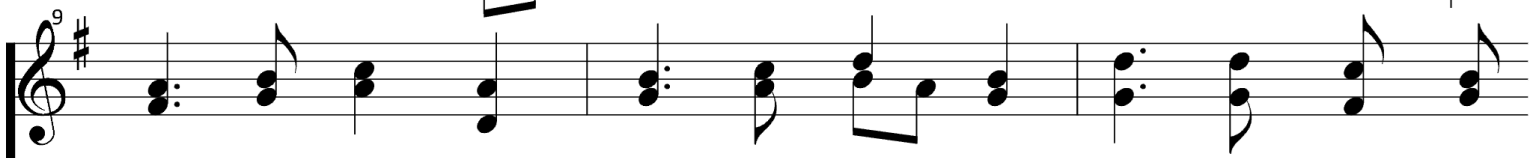
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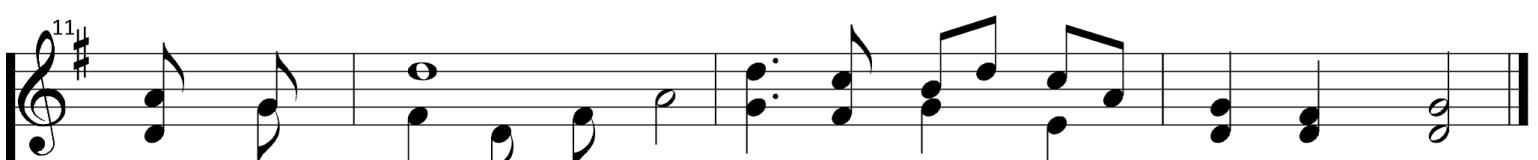
1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand;
 Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my jour - ney through;
 Death of death, and Hell's de - struc - tion, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side;



Strong De - liv - 'rer, Strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my
 Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, Feed me till I
 Songs of prais - es, Songs of prais - es I will ev - er



Strength and Shield, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
 want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Strength and Shield,



Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world.

Amen.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By partaking in bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local Church that you are in covenant with God in a congregation where the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

Passing of the Bread: (**"The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you"**)

Passing of the Wine: (**"The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you"**)

Congregational Response: **Gloria Patri**

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end,

A-men, A-men.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

The Lord's Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

People: Let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. Amen!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Psalm:

Psalms 68, Let God Arise in All His Might

People: Amen!

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

Amen!

** There are two cry rooms available for children that need to be helped during the service. The room on the left hall as you walk into the sanctuary, is for older children and their parents. If they need to be disciplined or encouraged to quiet down, please calm them down and then please bring them back into worship. The library, in the hall to the right when you walk in, is for nursing mothers. Feel free to use both as needed.*

Let God Arise in All His Might

Based on Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35

1. Let God a - rise in all His might And put the troops of Hell to flight,
2. He rides and thun - ders through the sky, His name, Je - ho - vah, sounds on high;
3. He breaks the cap - tive's heav - y chain, And pri - s'ners see the light a - gain;
4. He shakes the heav'ns with loud a - larms; How ter - ri - ble is God in arms!

As smoke that sought to cloud the skies Be - fore the ris - ing tem - pest flies.
Sing to His name, ye sons of grace; Ye saints, re - joice be - fore His face.
But re - bels that dis - pute His will Shall dwell in chains and dark - ness still.
In Is - rael are His mer - cies known, Is - rael is His pe - cu - liar throne.

He comes ar - rayed in burn - ing flames, Just - ice and Ven - geance are His names;
The wi - dow and the fa - ther - less Fly to His aid in sharp dis - tress;
King doms and thrones to God be - long; Crown Him, ye na - tions, in your song:
Pro claim Him King, pro nounce Him blest; He's your de - fense, your joy, your rest:

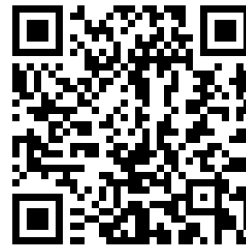
Be - hold His faint - ing foes ex - pire, Like melt - ing wax be - fore the fire.
In Him the poor and help - less find A judge that's just, a fa - ther kind.
His won - drous names and pow'rs rehearse; His hon - ors shall en - rich your verse.
When ter - rors rise and na - tions faint, God is the strength of ev - 'ry saint.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23 rd – March 30 th	Sunday School	8:30 AM Series Title: "Six Essays Every CREC Member Should Read"
February 24 th	Ladies Study	7:00 at Fellowship Hall, 9600 N Palafox
February 28 th	Young Adult Study	7:00 at the Smith home
March 4 th	Shrove Tuesday	6 pm Pancake Dinner at Trinitas.
March 5 th	Vespers	5:30 PM At Trinitas Christian School. No meal provided.
March 8 th	Dr. Joe Rigney Lectures	9am - 12pm at Trinitas Christian School
March 9 th	Dr. Joe Rigney Preaching	



Sing Your Part for Android



Sing Your Part for Apple

Sermon Outline

Sermon Text: Revelation 2:12-17

Title: Pergamum: Behold, a Host Arrayed in White, Part 5

The sermon on Revelation 2:12-17 warns against heresies infiltrating the Church, likening them to past false teachings and temptations that have led believers astray. It emphasizes the need for vigilance and repentance, referencing the faithfulness of the Church in Pergamum despite being in a place described as "Satan's throne." The example of Antipas, a martyr, is highlighted as a model of steadfast faith, contrasting with those who followed the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans, who sought to corrupt believers through idolatry and immorality. The message calls the Church to stand firm in doctrine and joy, resisting deception, and looking forward to Christ's promises of hidden manna, a white stone of vindication, and a new name written in the Book of Life for those who remain faithful.

Sermon Notes

I. Introduction

- A. Heresies infiltrate the Church in various forms.
- B. The apostles constantly warn against deception.

II. Jesus' Authority and Judgment (Revelation 2:12-13)

- A. Christ as the one with the sharp two-edged sword.
- B. The significance of Pergamum as "Satan's throne."
- C. The Church remained faithful despite persecution.

III. Warning Against False Teachings (Revelation 2:14-15)

- A. The doctrine of Balaam – corrupting Israel through idolatry and immorality.
- B. The Nicolaitans – promoting lawlessness and moral corruption.
- C. The danger of allowing false teachers to influence the Church.

IV. Call to Repentance and Christ's Judgment (Revelation 2:16)

- A. Christ's warning to fight against heresy with the sword of His mouth.
- B. The importance of purging false doctrines from the Church.

V. Promises to the Faithful (Revelation 2:17)

- A. Hidden manna – God's provision and spiritual nourishment.
- B. White stone – a symbol of purity, justification, and priestly status.
- C. A new name – assurance of belonging to God and eternal life.

VI. Conclusion

- A. Stand firm in faith and reject false doctrines.
- B. Persevere in the truth to receive Christ's eternal promises.

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