



Providence Church

A Celebration of the Lord's Day
Kingdomtide

this, the 5th day of February,
in the year of our Lord 2012

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain a respectful and reverent spirit for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship. Please make sure electronic devices are off or are set to silent or vibrate mode.

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

Quotes for Reflection

"The reason why many poor souls have so little heat of joy in their hearts is that they have so little light of Gospel knowledge in their mind. The further a soul stands from the light of truth, the further he must be from the heat of comfort."

William Gurnall (1617 – 1679)

He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

Proverbs 16:20

"To be in Christ is the source of the Christian's life; to be like Christ is the sum of His excellence; to be with Christ is the fullness of His joy"

Charles Hodge (1797 – 1878)

What is Kingdomtide?

According to Jesus, the Kingdom of God can be compared to a small seed which grew into a tree (Luke 13:18-19). By application, we are reminded to plant our roots deep into the heart of God's sustaining presence and Word. Simultaneously, we stretch out our arms with the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

Kingdomtide represents the period between Pentecost Sunday and Advent. During the season of Kingdomtide we focus on the glory of the Kingdom of God. Christ is celebrated as King and Sovereign of the world, with emphasis on God's Dominion over all of creation.

When Jesus first came, He went throughout Israel, preaching God's reign: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15). By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus demonstrated God's Kingdom. He preached the gospel to the poor, proclaimed liberty to the captives, gave sight to the blind, and set free the oppressed (Luke 4:18). With His death and resurrection Jesus defeated the power of sin and death, and was crowned Lord of the Church. His Kingdom is still advancing, there are signs of the Kingdom all over the world, where individuals and communities have discovered the liberating, transforming and reconciling power of Jesus' resurrection. And while the church preaches and lives according to the Kingdom, it also looks forward to the time when Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

God Calls Us: We Gather Together & Praise Him

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts. As the elders come to the front of the sanctuary, please stand, if you are able, in joyous praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords, singing the first verse of the hymn below!

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 5:7-8, 11-12*

Elder: Through the abundance of Your mercy and love, we will enter Your house.

All: We will worship in Your holy temple in reverence of You.

Elder: Lead us, LORD, in Your righteousness. Make Your way straight before us.

All: Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy!

Elder: Let us remember that You protect us! Let those who love Your name be joyful in you.

All: For You bless the righteous, O LORD, You cover them with favor as with a shield. Amen!

Hymn of Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Traditional Spanish Melody

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King;
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let prai - ses fill the sky;
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Life shall not end the strain;

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness

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throne re - joice; praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
con - des - cend; His love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
we'll a - dore, sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lui - a! A - men!"

Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us: We Confess Our Sins & Are Forgiven

The people of God respond to God's call by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession *Based on 2 Timothy 2:14-17, 22-26*

Elder: Lord, we come confessing. We desire to present ourselves to You as ones approved, as workers who have no need to be ashamed and who rightly handle Your word of truth.

All: **But too often we find ourselves quarreling about words or ideas which does no good but only ruins the listeners.**

Elder: This irreverent babble leads people into more and more ungodliness and away from the word of truth.

All: **Father, help us flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. May we call on Your name from a pure heart.**

Elder: May we have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies that breed quarrels.

All: **Lord, help us to not be quarrelsome but kind to all, correcting others with gentleness.**

Elder: Holy God, grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth!

All: **May we come to our senses and escape the snare of the devil. We ask for forgiveness in Jesus Name. Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon *Based on Colossians 1:10, 13-14*

Elder: Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. For He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Elder: Brothers and sisters, to all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: you are accepted, you are forgiven, you are loved. This gift you have from God.

All: **Thanks be to the Lord!**

God Consecrates Us: We Respond to God

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing Psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the Church's songbook.

Reception of New Members – *The Pat and Steve Juarez Household*

Affirmation of Faith - *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost. The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified. Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one * catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

** the word catholic above refers to the church universal, in all times and places, and not the church of Rome.*

Sursum Corda

Elder: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

Elder: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Issac Watts, 1719 - Psalm 32

Blest is the Man

Gregory Wilbur, 2008
arranged by Kelley Bandy, 2012

Blest is the man, for - ev - er - blest, whose guilt is par - doned
 Blest is the man to whom the Lord im - putes not his in -
 From guile his heart and lips are free. His hum - ble joy, his
 How glor - ious is that right - eous - ness, that hides and can - cels

by his God; whose sins with sor - row are con -
 i - qui - ties. He pleads no mer - it of re -
 ho - ly fear, with deep re - pent - ance well a -
 all his sins, while a bright ev - i - dence of

fessed, and cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
 ward, and not on works, but grace re - lies.
 gree, and join to prove his faith sin - cere.
 grace through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

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O Come to the Lord

Michael Tabon, 2002

O__ come to the LORD, joy - ful songs let us sing;_ loud praise to our Rock of sal - va -
 The_ LORD, King of all_ gods, the God who is great, pos - sess - ing all things that His hands
 Come give the LORD wor - ship, for He made us too;_ let's bow down and of - fer the praise

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tion we'll bring!_ With thanks - gi - ving let_ us be -
 did cre - ate:_ Earth's val - leys and moun - tains He be -
 He is due. For He is our God, we're the

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fore Him ap - pear;_ come sing joy - ful psalms, let us praise_ Him with cheer._
 holds in His hand;_ He made them, He owns_ them the sea_ and the land._
 flock of His land, His peo - ple, His sheep_ nur - tured by_ His own hand._

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Reading of God's Word

Old Testament:

Isaiah 62:1-5

Lector: Mr. Steve Blick

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Lector: Deacon Bob Sanford

Elder: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We, as God's people, come together to give the Lord praise, and to pray for one another. We encourage heads of household to participate. As you do, consider standing for prayer that the whole congregation can hear you.

Elder: *And so, we praise You for Your work in creation, in this world, our homes, and this church...*

Our Father, we pray for Your comfort and guidance for...

1. *Your church in the world and this local ministry...*

2. *Our nation and its leaders...*

3. *Persons with particular needs...*

All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon: Feasting Because of Jesus ~ Luke 5:27-39

Rev. James M. McDonald, V

Feasting Because of Jesus

February 5, 2012

Luke 5:27-39

²⁷ After these things He went out and saw a _____ named _____, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "_____." ²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great _____ in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. ³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees _____ against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and _____?"

³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a _____, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call *the* _____, but sinners, to _____."

³³ Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John _____ often and make _____, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours _____ and _____?"

³⁴ And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the _____ fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."

³⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new _____ on an old one; otherwise the _____ makes a tear, and also the piece that was *taken* out of the new does not _____ the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new _____ into old _____; or else the new wine will _____ the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. ³⁹ And no one, having drunk old *wine*, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is _____.'"

Taking the Message Home

- Who was Levi? What do we know of tax collectors in that day? How does his call reflect the work of God in salvation today?
- What is Christian hospitality? How do you put it

- into practice? Why should it be part of your life?
- Why were the Pharisees upset that Jesus went to eat with Levi? What did such a feast represent?
- Consider Jesus's answer in verse 31. What was His mission? How are we to engage with the unregenerate? How was Jesus' response a criticism of the Pharisees?
- Why did John's disciples fast? Why did the Pharisees fast? What was Jesus personal habit with regard to fasting?
- What was Jesus claiming when He compared Himself to a bridegroom?
- What did the parable of the new and old garments represent (consider Col 3:1-17)?
- What did the parable of the old and new wineskins represent (consider Gal 3:1-14)?
- Is joy and sorrow incompatible in the Christian life? Discuss.

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BRIDEGROOM	COLLECTOR	FOLLOW
MAKE	SAID	SAYS
THEN	WINE	WINESKINS

Hymn of Response

Charles Wesley, 1744

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwell, 1770

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
Je - sus, the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
His king - dom can - not fail, *He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,*
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit,
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,

re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph e - ver - more.
when He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.
and bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet.
and take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Worship through Tithes and Offerings *Luke 6:38*

With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709 Old Hundredth, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove. ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

God Communes with Us: We Eat God's Food at His Table

God beckons His people to the bounty of His table. Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all baptized members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace as your row is released by the deaconate. The outer ring of the tray is grape juice, all of the inner rings are wine.

Summary of the Scriptural Teaching of Communion The Words of Institution

All: *And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*

Trisagion Hymn

Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9 Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and
might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho -

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san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men! A - men!

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Elder: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Elder: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. 1 Cor 5:7

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast! 1 Cor 5:8

Elder: The gifts of God for the people of God. John 4:10

All: Thanks be to the Lord!

Communion Psalms and Hymns

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed. Please use your Psalters and hymnals during this portion of worship.

Psalm 89B - Who with the Lord

Psalm 96A - O Sing a New Song

Psalm 133A - Behold How Good a Thing It Is

Hymn 508 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Hymn 115 - All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn 110 - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Prayer of Commitment *Based on Jude 24-25*

Father God, we rejoice that You have again revealed to us, through the promise of Your Table, that You alone are able to keep us from stumbling and, that because of the work of Jesus, we can stand before Your glorious presence faultless and with great joy! Father, use us this week, in Your service, to witness of Your wisdom, Your glory, Your majesty, Your dominion, and Your power, both now and forever. Amen!

God Commissions Us: We March Out to Serve God

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Please stand, if you are able.

Charge and Benediction *based on 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

Elder: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. Amen!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft and Cook

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
Be - hold Him there the Ris - en Lamb. My per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, Who e - ver lives and pleads for me.
in, up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
ness. The great un - change - a - ble I Am. The King of Glo - ry and of grace.

Repeat only the third verse from this point

My name is gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in
Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God the Just is
One with Him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with

heav'n He stands no tongue can bid methence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
sa - tis - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Christ on high, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

Providence Church Worship Guide – Week of February 5, 2012

Church Year: Kingdomtide!

Read the Word

	Family		Private	
Monday	Gen 39	Mark 9	Job 5	Rom 9
Tuesday	Gen 40	Mark 10	Job 6	Rom 10
Wednesday	Gen 41	Mark 11	Job 7	Rom 11
Thursday	Gen 42	Mark 12	Job 8	Rom 12
Friday	Gen 43	Mark 13	Job 9	Rom 13
Saturday	Gen 44	Mark 14	Job 10	Rom 14
Sunday	Gen 45	Mark 15	Job 11	Rom 15

To read online: http://www.gnpccb.org/esv/devotions/one_year.tract/

Sing a New Song

Feel free to borrow a hymnal or Psalter - just bring them with you each week!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
 Rejoice the Lord is King
 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
 Ps 32 - Blest is the Man, Forevery Blest
 Ps 95 - O Come to the Lord
 Before the Throne of God Above
 2/7 - Session Meeting
 2/11 - February Hymn Sing
 3/8-10 Family Economics Conference
 4/6 - Good Friday
 5/3-5 CPC General Assembly
 6/30 - Ladies Tea

Learn the Catechism

Question 44 - What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments. (Luke 1:74–75, 1 Pet. 1:15–18)

Question 45 - Which is the first commandment?

The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Exod. 20:3)

Pray for One Another - ACTS: Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving - Supplication

Sunday	Pray that God will be glorified through you in the upcoming week.
Monday	Pray for the college students in our church.
Tuesday	Pray for the leaders of our state.
Wednesday	Pray for those who are homebound and for their caregivers.
Thursday	Pray for missionaries spreading the message of Christ throughout the world.
Friday	Pray for the marriages in our church.
Saturday	Pray that God will be glorified as we gather for worship this Lord's Day

Prayers for the Church

Pray for Providence, her officers, and her mission!

Our missionaries: Adams (Quebec) and Hendersons (Philippines), South Side Mission, Christ the Redeemer (Missouri), The Persecution Project

Pray for the families of Covenant Family Presbyterian Church, Troy, MO

Sudan - The Ministry of Guidance and Religious Endowments has threatened to arrest church leaders from the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church if they carry out evangelistic activities and do not comply with an order for churches to provide their names and contact information. This is an attempt to further promote strict Islamic (Sharia) law. Pray the God would protect His church, and that the Gospel would be freely proclaimed.

Pray for the success of the Morning Center project, and for God's blessing upon those involved

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Rejoice that in Jesus you are set free!

Prayers for the Nations

Pray for families with loved ones in the military (Auer, Blick, Degenhart, Nazarczuk, and Sanford)

Pray for justice to be done in the Hannah Overton case

Prayers for the People

For those in need of healing: Erin W, Whitney C's father Bob, Ashley M, Samuel L

Remember those with child: Sheri R, Whitney C, Nicole C, Ashley N, Kelli R

Pray for those relocating: Hinrichs

Pray for those traveling: Vogels, Lansberry

Homes for Sale/Rent: Price, Lansberry

Pray for those seeking to adopt: Blick, Sanford

The Evans and Bandy's water situation

Prayers for Wisdom: Scott P, Amanda L, Andy and Karen F, Josh S

Pray for our single young adults, that the Lord would give them wisdom and patience

Pray for lost family members and those seeking reconciliation

Longer term health issues: Scott P, Theresa L, James L's sister, Pastor LaMay, Christa B, Joey Tosti, Stacy M's grandparents, Katie L, Greg Boyd, Ruth Younts, Andy and Erin W, Espi C, Kathey T, Barbara A, Abigail Robb, Michelle C, Chad and Kelly D

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Note to Our Visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Whether you are new to the area, are searching for a new church, or are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith. Our elders and deacons are here for you!

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