



# PROVIDENCE

## Baptist Church

March 16, 2025

“With regard to his priesthood, we must briefly hold its end and use to be, that as a mediator, free from all taint, he may by his own holiness procure the favor of God for us.”

- John Calvin

### Announcements and Call to Worship

#### Prelude

#### Hymn ..... All Glory, Laud, and Honor (260)

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
Thou did accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

**Scripture Reading ..... Psalm 110**

**110** The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." <sup>2</sup>The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! <sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. <sup>4</sup>The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. <sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. <sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn ..... Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery (184)**

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
In the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven's praises,  
Robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness,  
Now the light of life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended,  
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
Come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law, in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Christ the Lord upon the tree,  
In the stead of ruined sinners,  
Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
See the Father's plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory,  
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,  
Praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
How unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected,  
As will we be, when He comes.

**Hymn ..... Before the Throne of God Above (187)**

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God!

**Scripture Reading ..... Hebrews 4:14-5:10**

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the

source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,<sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## **Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Sermon** ..... **Dr. Daniel Weaver**

‘Jesus, the Appointed Eternal High Priest’ Hebrews 5:1-10

**Hymn** ..... **I Lay My Sins on Jesus (269)**

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all, and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus, To wash my crimson stains  
White in His blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus. All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; He doth my soul redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares,  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I long to be like Jesus, Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, The Father’s holy Child;  
I long to be with Jesus, Amid the heav’nly throng;  
To sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels’ song.

## **Benediction**

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **Sermon Outline**

‘Jesus, the Appointed Eternal High Priest’ Hebrews 5:1-10

- I. The Old High Priest’s Appointment (vs. 1-4)
  - His appointment by God (Exodus 28)
  - His sinful solidarity with the people
- II. The Ultimate High Priest’s Appointment (vs. 5-10)
  - Christ’s appointment by God (Ps. 2 and 110)
  - Christ’s suffering solidarity with the people
- III. Come Directly to the Ultimate High Priest

### **K Group Questions for March 19**

1. What is a mediator? Why is a mediator needed between God and us?
2. How does Leviticus show us Christ? In what specific details?
3. The Hebrews passage quotes Psalm 2 and Psalm 110. Read those and discuss what these psalms are mainly about. What does it describe of this figure?

4. Give examples of Jesus's prayers that the author of Hebrews is talking about.
5. The priest's main job was to bring atonement on behalf of the people. What are some ways we try to self-atone for our sins?

### **Announcements**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Begins March 30 – Sign up in the foyer**

#### **Church Wide Workday - Saturday, March 29 @ 8:30-Noon**

Bring your tools and cleaning supplies, roll up your sleeves, and let's Spring clean!

#### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast, March 24 @ 6:30 AM, Sunny Street Cafe**

All men are invited to join us for a time of food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Dolloff.

#### **Postpartum Support Group – *Please let the Host know if you plan to attend***

- March 24 @ 9:30 – Allison Smitherman (205-242-1744)
- April 14 @ 9:30 – Allison Smitherman (205-242-1744)
- April 28 @ 9:30 – Ellie Milby (256-348-6148)

#### **Games at Valley View Nursing Home – Friday, March 28 @ 2:30 PM**

On the last Friday of every month, we play games with residents of VVNH. We are called "Providence Players." Come join us for rousing games of dominos and UNO. For more information contact Monika Carroll at 256-772-0185.

#### **PBC Women's Conference: "Walking with God in Suffering"**

- April 4th 5:00pm-8:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 5th 8:30am-12pm, Sanctuary

Please join us for this year's women's conference. The topic will be setting our focus on God in the midst of suffering. Breakout topics include miscarriage, infertility, grief, chronic illness, anxiety, and ministering to others who are suffering. We hope to see you there! Contact Kelly Nichols ([Kelly.Nichols@live.com](mailto:Kelly.Nichols@live.com)) with any questions. For more information and to register, visit the PBC website or click this link: [PBC Women's Conference](#)

#### **VBS – June 9-13 @ 9:00-Noon ... Would you be willing to help?**

If so, click this link to learn more: [VBS 2025 Volunteer Interest](#)

#### **Weekly Happenings ...**

Wednesday	Youth K Group @ 5:45PM, Fellowship Hall Adult K Groups @ 6:00PM, Host Homes
Thursday	Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM, Youth Room

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember ...**

March 18	Elders Meeting
March 19	Adult Choir Practice after K Groups
March 23	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Sunday School Ends
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March 26	Adult Choir Practice after K Groups
March 28	Games at Valley View @ 2:30
March 29	Church Wide Workday @ 8:30AM
March 30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Begins
April 1	Elders Meeting
April 4-5	PBC Women's Conference
April 14	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
April 15	Elders Meeting
April 18	Good Friday/OFFICE CLOSED
April 20	Resurrection Sunday/NO Sunday School
April 28	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM