



# PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

April 6, 2025

“I rejoice in the hope of that glory to be revealed, for it is no uncertain glory that we look for. Our hope is not hung upon such an untwisted thread as, “I imagine so,” or “It is likely,” but the cable, the strong tow of our fastened anchor, is the oath and promise of Him who is eternal verity. Our salvation is fastened with God’s own hand, and with Christ’s own strength, to the strong stake of God’s unchangeable nature.”

-Samuel Rutherford, *Letters of Samuel Rutherford*

## Announcements and Call to Worship

### Prelude

### Hymn ..... **’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (179)**

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me ’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

**Scripture Reading ..... Psalm 73**

**73** Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. <sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. <sup>3</sup>For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. <sup>4</sup>For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. <sup>5</sup>They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. <sup>6</sup>Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. <sup>7</sup>Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. <sup>8</sup>They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. <sup>9</sup>They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. <sup>10</sup>Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. <sup>11</sup>And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" <sup>12</sup>Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. <sup>13</sup>All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. <sup>14</sup>For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. <sup>15</sup>If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. <sup>16</sup>But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, <sup>17</sup>until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. <sup>18</sup>Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. <sup>19</sup>How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! <sup>20</sup>Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. <sup>21</sup>When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, <sup>22</sup>I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. <sup>23</sup>Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. <sup>24</sup>You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. <sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. <sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. <sup>27</sup>For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. <sup>28</sup>But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

**Missions Interview**

**The Lord's Supper**

*(A gluten-free alternative will be served in the transept seating area near the organ)*

**Hymn ..... My Soul Finds Rest (359)**

My soul finds rest in God alone,  
My rock and my salvation.  
A fortress strong against my foes.  
And I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
And lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.

**REFRAIN:**

O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My delight and my reward,  
Everlasting, never failing,  
My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations;  
When evil seeks to take a hold,  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go,  
Don't set your heart upon them;  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven.

REFRAIN

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
And trust in Him completely;  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul,  
And He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
A sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death,  
And I am His forever.

REFRAIN

**Hymn ..... Rejoice, the Lord Is King (116)**

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Scripture Reading ..... John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are

not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, <sup>[a]</sup> is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

## **Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Sermon** ..... **Rev. Brian Fourroux**  
"Blessed Assurance, This Believer is Mine" John 10:22-30

**Hymn** ..... **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (403)**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## **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**

"Blessed Assurance, This Believer is Mine" John 10:22-30

- I. Am I Alone?
  - A. Those who believe struggle with unbelief (Mark 9:24)
- II. What Do We Mean by Assurance?
  - A. Not a 'me' thing, a God thing (John 10:28-29)
- III. Why Do I Even Struggle?
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
- IV. What Should I Do?
  - A. Strive for holiness (Hebrews 4:11, 12:14)
  - B. Listen to God (Hebrews 1:2)
  - C. Look to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)

### **K Group Questions for April 9**

1. Have you ever had doubts or insecurities regarding your salvation? Describe that experience. Did you feel alone or supported during that time?
2. Where does genuine security, and thus assurance, come from? What misconceptions about assurance of salvation have you heard or held in the past?
3. Which of the three major "corroders of assurance" do you find you struggle with the most?
4. What is the relationship between striving for holiness and resting in Jesus?

### **Announcements**

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

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

#### **Graduate Recognition – Sunday, May 4 During the Morning Worship**

If you are a member of PBC and have a high school student who is graduating this year, please email the church office ([office@providencebaptist.us](mailto:office@providencebaptist.us)) with the school they are graduating from, the school they will be attending, and their major (if decided) so we can recognize them in our service. Graduating college students may also send their graduation information.

#### **Hymn Sing – Sunday, May 4 @ 6:00 PM, Sanctuary**

Join us for an evening of lifting our voices in song to the Lord, led by Luke Hill, Pastoral Assistant at Sixth Avenue Community Church. All are invited!

#### **Baby/Child Dedication – Sunday, May 11 During the Morning Worship**

If you are a member of PBC and are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the church office and include the parents' and child's names as you wish to have then appear on the certificate.

#### **The Children's Ministry has Teacher and Helper positions to fill for the coming school year.**

The 2025-26 school year begins on June 29th. If you are interested or have any

questions, please contact Ric (256-479-5078) or Giselle (256-479-5078) Crooks.

**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 ...**

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
May 4	Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 4	Hymn Sing @ 6:00PM
May 6	Elders Meeting
May 11	Baby/Child Dedication
May 20	Elders Meeting
May 30	Games at Valley View @ 2:30