



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

April 13, 2025

“The same Architect who planned and built the temple, takes it down to erect something more glorious in its stead.”

-Horatio Bonar, *Light and Truth*

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 are 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 Genesis 14:1-20

14 In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ² these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴ Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kir-iathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷ Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar. ⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹ So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way. ¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. ¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (303)

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken:
'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
was there ever grief like His?
Friends thru' fear His cause disowning,
foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
none would interpose to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation;
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on Him their hope have built.

Hymn Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed! (308)

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin in sacrifice,
To conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing, "Hallelujah!"

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Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed:
"Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their friend and King: Christ, Christ He is risen.

REFRAIN

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
they saw Him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

REFRAIN

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.

REFRAIN

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r-f'ly save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go, tell of His goodness.

REFRAIN

Scripture Reading Hebrews 7:1-28

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. ⁴See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. ¹¹Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹²For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" ²²This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'Ladies and Gentlemen, Introducing Melchizedek' Hebrews 7:1-11

Hymn It Was Finished on 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 Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

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

'Ladies and Gentlemen, Introducing Melchizedek' Hebrews 7:1-11

- I. What is Christology?
- II. The big question: How Can Jesus be a High Priest since he not a Levite?
- III. What the writer already taught us (Hebrews 5:5-10, 6:19-20).
 1. Jesus did not achieve 'Melchizedekian status'.
 2. He was appointed to this priesthood by God (Psalm 2:7; Psalm 110:4).
 3. He was heard by God as a 'perfect priest'.

4. He entered the Holy of Holies on our behalf.
- IV. New Information about the First Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:1-11)
1. Shows up in Genesis 14:18-20 as priest of the Most High God.
 2. The patriarch Abraham recognized and honored his priesthood (gave a tenth of everything).
 3. What his name meant- King in name, King in role, and yet also a priest.
 4. Attributes- No parents or genealogy, no start date nor end date, assumed to be a priest forever- resembling the Son of God (Psalm 2:7).
 5. This priest was given tithes just like the Levites. In fact, one might say that the Levites gave their tenth back to him through Father Abraham.
 6. This priest blessed Abraham- showing he was superior (which would make him superior to the Levites too).
 7. Why is this important? V. 11. What came before was inadequate to account for our sin.
- V. What does this mean? Jesus is the only 'hero'.

K Group Questions for April 16

1. How does the writer of Hebrews know that Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek? (hint: it might help to read Psalm 2 and 110)
2. Why should we consider the Melchizedek priesthood better than the Aaronic priesthood?
3. If the work of the Levitical priests could not help us with our transgressions, what does that say about sin? How does Jesus cover (or atone) for our sin?
4. What comfort does it provide that our Messiah, Jesus, is both King and High Priest?
5. When we consider the meticulousness of God's plan of salvation, why would anyone choose something different?

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)

April 16 & 23 – Adult Choir Rehearsal, Immediately Following K Groups

New singers are welcome!

April 18, Good Friday – OFFICE CLOSED

April 20, Easter Sunday – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 4 – Graduate Recognition 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) 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.

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

Join us, along with other churches, for an evening of lifting our voices in song to the Lord. The hymn sing will be led by Luke Hill, Pastoral Assistant at Sixth Avenue Community Church. *All are invited!*

May 11 – Baby/Child Dedication During the Morning Worship

If you are a member of PBC and are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the church office (office@providencebaptist.us) and include the parents’ and child’s names as you wish to have them 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.

Looking Ahead... Student Ministry Summer Camp – July 7-11

Join us for our summer camp with *Crossings* at Jonathan Creek from July 7-11! This camp is for all our middle and high school students. We’ll ride up in a couple of vans to beautiful Jonathan Creek, Kentucky. We’ll have all the fun experiences of lake life: swimming, water zip-lines, laser tag, and much, much more. The staff and curriculum are top-notch, along with meaningful worship and messages. This camp has become a favorite of our students. Do not miss this amazing, life-changing week of camp! Contact Joel Blevins for more information or visit the PBC website: [Summer Camp 2025 Information](#) Register here: [Summer Camp 2025 Registration](#)

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 16	Adult Choir Rehearsal After K Groups
April 18	Good Friday/OFFICE CLOSED
April 20	Easter Sunday/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 23	Adult Choir Rehearsal After K Groups
April 25	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
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 @ 2:30PM