



# PROVIDENCE

## Baptist Church

August 3, 2025

“Christ has thus become His people’s supreme inspirer of faith. When they become weary on the way, and grow faint at heart because there seems no end to the trials they have to endure, let them consider Him. He suffered uncomplainingly the hostility and malevolence of sinful men; the recipients of this epistle had not been called upon to endure anything like their Master’s sufferings.”

-F.F. Bruce

### Announcements and Call to Worship

#### Prelude

#### Hymn ..... **All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (143)**

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

**Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. **53** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**The Lord's Supper**

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

**Hymn ..... May the Mind of Christ, My Savior (377)**

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father

Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing  
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win;  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.

**Hymn ..... The Power of the Cross (272)**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.  
This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life,  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suff'ring I am free.

Death is crushed to death,

Life is mine to live,

Won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross,

Son of God, slain for us.

What a love! What a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross.

**Scripture Reading ..... Hebrews 11:32–12:3**

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

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

‘The Best Example: Christ’ Hebrews 12:1-3

**Hymn ..... Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor (406)**

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won,  
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;

Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death;  
When these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure;  
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.  
Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

## **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**

'The Best Example: Christ' Hebrews 12:1-3

**We must look to our Enduring Savior as we strip away all that hinders the race.**  
(vs. 1-2)

- We have other witnesses (vs. 1a)
- We must put away sin and other weights (vs. 1b)
- We must look to the suffering and exalted Savior (vs. 2)

**We must consider our Enduring Savior that we may not be discouraged in the race.** (vs. 3)

- He endured hostility from a Sinful World and so will we (vs. 3a)
- He is our chief example that we may not be discouraged (vs. 3b)

## **Announcements**

### **August 13 – Fall K Groups Begin – Registration Begins Today**

Signup sheets will be available in the hallway between the foyer and the office, along with area reference maps for each host home. *Please write one name per line on the signup sheet. Homes with pets are also identified for those with allergies.* If you are new to K Groups or would like a refresher on why PBC does K Groups, check out the blog on our website: [Blog Post Why K Groups?](#)

### **August 13 – Adult Choir Practice Resumes Immediately Following K Groups**

Our primary goal is to worship the Lord with song, and all joyful worshippers are welcome regardless of musical skill level. We meet in the transept. For further information, contact Cassie Lofts (256.694.8795) or Niki Ivey (601.502.4964).

### **August 29 – Games at Valley View Nursing Home @ 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.

**For Your Calendar ...**

August 4	Summer College Bible Study Ends
August 5	Elders Meeting
August 13	Fall K-Groups Begin @ 6:00PM
August 13	Adult Choir Practice Resumes
August 19	Elders Meeting
August 29	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
September 1	Labor Day – Office Closed
September 2	Elders Meeting
September 7	Quarterly Members Update
September 16	Elders Meeting
September 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Ends
September 26	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
September 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Sunday School Begins
Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Fall Break – No K Groups – No Bible Study
October 7	Elders Meeting
October 19	Chili Cook Off
October 21	Elders Meeting
October 24, 25	Theology Conference
October 26	Reformation Sunday
October 31	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM