



# PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, September 15, 2024

“For the circumstances and events of the present life have the character of a journey, but the realities of the future await us in our true homeland.”

- John Chrysostom (347-407)

## Announcements & Call to Worship

**Prelude** ..... **Glen Harper**

**Hymn** ..... **Come, Thou Almighty King (326)**

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend!  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success:  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore;  
Thy sov'reign majesty

May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

**Scripture Reading ..... 1 Peter 2:11-3:12**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. <sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**3** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup>when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup>Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup>but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup>For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup>as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. <sup>7</sup>Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. <sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup>let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn ..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness (86)**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Hymn ..... And Can It Be? (180)**

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
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That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself to show His love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.

My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine;  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

**Scripture Reading ..... Genesis 46:1-47:12**

**46** So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. <sup>2</sup>And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. <sup>4</sup>I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes." <sup>5</sup>Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. <sup>6</sup>They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, <sup>7</sup>his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt. <sup>8</sup>Now these are the names of the descendants of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons. Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, <sup>9</sup>and the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. <sup>10</sup>The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. <sup>11</sup>The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan); and the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Yob, and Shimron. <sup>14</sup>The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. <sup>15</sup>These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah; altogether his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beri-ah, with Serah their sister. And the sons of Beri-ah: Heber and Malchiel. <sup>18</sup>These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob—sixteen persons. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>20</sup>And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore to him. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. <sup>22</sup>These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob—fourteen persons in all. <sup>23</sup>The son of Dan: Hushim. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. <sup>25</sup>These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob—seven persons in all. <sup>26</sup>All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy. <sup>28</sup>He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. <sup>29</sup>Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Go-



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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!

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**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**

'Going Down to Egypt' Genesis 46:1-47:12

- I. Jacob Meets with God (Genesis 46:1-7)
  - a. Beersheba (Genesis 21:32-33, 26:23-25, 28:10)
  - b. God's directives
- II. Excursus- Family Matters (Genesis 46:8-27)
  - a. 70 or 75? (Exodus 1:1-5; Numbers 26; Deuteronomy 10:22; 1 Chronicles 4, 7 & 8; Acts 7:14)
  - b. Details (Exodus 12:37-38)
- III. Jacob Meet's with Joseph (Genesis 46:28-34)
- IV. Jacob Meets with Pharoah (Genesis 47:1-12; Hebrews 7:7)
- V. Lessons
  - a. A temporary stay (1 Peter 1:1-2, 2:11-12)
  - b. A blessing that affirms the greater
  - c. God keeps His promises (Genesis 15:13-16)

**K Group Questions for September 18, 2024**

1. Why did Jacob need to seek permission from God to travel to Egypt?
2. How was Joseph trying to keep a 'healthy' boundary between the Hebrews and the Egyptians? Why would this be necessary?
3. What was the significance of Jacob blessing Pharoah?
4. What does it mean to be an exile and a sojourner on this earth? How should a Christian respond to worldly events?
5. How did God display His faithfulness in this passage?

## **Announcements**

**Welcome New Members** - Andrew and Meagan Record, and Colt and Roselyn Hudson, who were affirmed at the Quarterly Members Meeting on September 8.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sunday School Classes Begin September 29**

Class descriptions and sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Descriptions can also be found on the website: [providencebaptist.us/adult-education](http://providencebaptist.us/adult-education)

### **Prospective Members Class Begins September 29**

This course provides an overview of the vision, ministry, and organization of Providence Baptist Church. The introduction to the church lasts six weeks. There is no obligation to join the church. If you have considered joining PBC or if you have any questions, please contact Daniel Weaver ([daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us](mailto:daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us)).

### **Sunday School Book Return**

If you have a book used in a previous Sunday School class and you no longer wish to hold on to it, we will gladly take it back for future use. They should be in good condition with no marking or highlighting. A basket is located under the foyer table for your returns.

### **Postpartum Support Group – September 23 @ 9:00AM @ Hannah Ring’s**

Contact Hannah Ring (865-766-9274) with questions and if you plan to attend.

### **Men’s Fellowship – Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:00PM**

Men, join us at Greenbrier Restaurant (27028 Old Hwy 20, Madison, AL 35756) for supper and some well needed fellowship. A sign-up sheet is provided on the foyer table. **Please sign up** so we can make reservations.

### **FALL BREAK – September 30-October 4 – No K Groups or Ladies Bible Study**

### **Tiny Toes 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk – Saturday, October 5 @ 8:00AM**

It’s time again for the 5K & Fun Run/Walk in support of the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. This is a family friendly event, and children are welcome to come as well. For more information and registration, click this link: [Huntsville-PRC-TinyToes5K](http://Huntsville-PRC-TinyToes5K).

### **Faith & Bioethics Conference – Saturday, October 26 @ 9:00AM-Noon, FH**

Our guest speaker is Dr. Mark Bolyard, University Professor of Biology at Union University in Jackson, TN. The conference will include three sessions: *In Vitro Fertilization: Past-Present-Future*; *Genetic Testing and Sequencing*; *Genetic Treatments and Other Therapies*. **For detailed information, click here:**

[Faith and Bioethics Conference](#)

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

Mondays Ladies Bible Study @ 6:00PM – Giselle Crooks' Home  
Wednesdays K Groups @ 6:00PM – Host Homes  
Thursdays Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM – Fellowship Hall

### **Upcoming Events ...**

September 17 Elders Meeting  
September 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sunday School Ends  
September 23 Postpartum Support Group @ 9:00AM  
September 24 Men's Fellowship Dinner @ 6:00PM  
September 29 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sunday School Begins  
Sept 30-Oct 4 Fall Break – No K Groups or Ladies Bible Study  
October 5 Tiny Toes 5K Fun Run/Walk @ 8:00AM  
October 12 Ladies Book Discussion Group @ 9:00PM  
October 20 Chili Cookoff  
October 25 Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM  
October 26 **Faith & Bioethics Conference – *Save the Date!***