



# PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

December 7, 2025

All the promises of God in the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. That is, when you have Christ, sooner or later you will have both Christ himself and all else that God promised through Christ.

-John Piper

## Announcements and Call to Worship

**Prelude** ..... **Adult Choir**

'Come, Messiah King' Arranged by Kirkland and Rouse

**Hymn** ..... **Joy Has Dawned (237)**

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation-  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love-  
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast,  
Vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophecy the story.  
Gold- a King is born today,  
Incense- God is with us,  
Myrrh- His death will make a way,

And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,  
Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend!  
What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

**Advent Reading ..... Deuteronomy 16:1-17**

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**16** "Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night. **2** And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose, to make his name dwell there. **3** You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt. **4** No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the flesh that you sacrifice on the evening of the first day remain all night until morning. **5** You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, **6** but at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt. **7** And you shall cook it and eat it at the place that the LORD your God will choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. **8** For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work on it. **9** "You shall count seven weeks. Begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. **10** Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. **11** And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there. **12** You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall be careful to observe these statutes. **13** "You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. **14** You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. **15** For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful. **16** "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. **17** Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

**Hymn ..... Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (215)**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spread its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High.

**Hymn ..... Good Christian Men, Rejoice (226)**

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
Man and beast before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And man is blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

**Scripture Reading ..... Hebrews 3:7-4:11**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup>do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'

<sup>11</sup>As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’” <sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. **4** Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

## **Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Sermon** ..... **Dr. Blair Waddell**

‘Shadows of Advent: Feasts’ John 6:30-40

## **The Lord’s Supper**

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

**Hymn** ..... **Joy to the World! (224)**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
 Let earth receive her King;  
 Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,  
 And heav’n and nature sing,  
 And heav’n and nature sing,  
 And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
 Let men their songs employ;  
 While fields and floods,  
 rocks, hills and plains  
 Repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat the sounding joy,  
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

### **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**

- I. Advent Reflections
- II. Shadows of the Feast: (Galatians 4:10-11; Colossians 2:16-17)
  - a. What were the feasts and what did they represent?
    - i. Three Major Feasts Prescribed in the Law (Exodus 23:14-17; Deuteronomy 16:1-17)
      1. Passover- escape from angel of death/Egypt (Exodus 12; Leviticus 23:6-8)
      2. Weeks- The giving of the Law and Spring Harvest (Leviticus 23:15-22)
      3. Tabernacles/Booths- God's presence and provision with his people (Leviticus 23:33-44)
    - ii. The Sabbath
      1. Weekly- (Exodus 16:1-32; 23:10-12; Leviticus 23:23-25)
      2. Seventh Year (Leviticus 25:1-7)
      3. Jubilee -50<sup>th</sup> year (Leviticus 25:8-28)
    - iii. Other 'feasts': Yom Kippur, Festival of Lights & Purim
  - b. How do they relate to Jesus?
    - i. Passover (Luke 22:14-20, see v. 30)
    - ii. Weeks (Acts 1:8, 2:1-13)
    - iii. Tabernacles (John 8:30-40)
    - iv. Rest (Psalm 95; Hebrews 3:7-4:11)
  - c. What this means for us now?
    - i. A Joyous God! – Rejoice in Jesus! (Habakkuk 3:18; Nehemiah

- 8:10-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:16)  
ii. A future of feasts! (Revelation 19:1-21)- Good and Bad

### **Announcements**

❖ = New Announcements

#### **TODAY – Missions Banquet @ 5:00PM, FH**

All are invited to our annual Missions Banquet. We will present video updates from our missionaries and church planters. Childcare will be available after the dinner for ages 5 and below.

#### **December 10 – Advent Hymn Sing @ 6:30PM, Sanctuary**

Join us, along with other churches, as we celebrate Advent through hymns and scripture. There will be a cookie fellowship in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the hymn sing. Sign up to bring cookies via this link: [Cookie Sign Up](#)

#### ❖ **December 24 – Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00PM**

This will be an abbreviated service with no nursery; children are encouraged to attend. *This service will not be livestreamed.*

#### ❖ **December 24-26 – Christmas Holiday/OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – Our Goal is \$12,000**

Please pray as to whether you are called to contribute to this special offering. Lottie Moon offering envelopes are at various locations around the church or simply indicate 'Lottie Moon' in your offering memo.

#### **Lottie Moon Post Office**

Our Lottie Moon Post Office is open for the Christmas season. This is an opportunity to donate what you would have spent on postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

#### ❖ **January 01, 2026 – New Year's Day/OFFICE CLOSED**

#### ❖ **January 7 – K Groups Resume @ 6:00PM, Host Homes/5:45PM Youth, PBC**

Please contact Daniel Weaver ([daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us](mailto:daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us)) for more information or if you did not join a K Group in the fall and would like to join one now.

#### **January 18 – Sanctity of Life Sunday – Baby/Child Dedication**

If you are a member of PBC and are interested in having your child dedicated, *please contact the church office by January 14<sup>th</sup> and please include the name as you wish to have it appear on the certificate.*

#### **January 23-25 – Student Ministry Winter Retreat @ PBC**

This year will look a little different, but rest assured, it will still be just as good!  
Click this link to register: [Student Winter Retreat Registration](#). If you have any questions please reach out to Joel Blevins (joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us).

### **February 20-21 – Women’s Conference**

#### **For Your Calendar ...**

December 07	Missions Banquet @ 5:00PM
December 10	Advent Hymn Sing @ 6:30PM
December 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Sunday School Ends
December 16	Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
December 19	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
December 21 & 28	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00PM
December 24-26	Christmas Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED
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January 01	New Year’s Day – OFFICE CLOSED
January 06	Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
January 07	Winter K Groups Begin @ 6:00PM
January 10	Ladies Book Discussion Group @ 9:15AM
January 18	Sanctity of Life Sunday – Baby/Child Dedication
January 20	Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
January 23-25	Student Ministry Winter Retreat @ PBC
January 24	Men’s Quarterly Fellowship
January 27	Deacon’s Meeting @ 6:30PM
February 20-21	Women’s Conference