



# PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

April 19, 2026

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the *reach* of God's grace.  
And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the *need* of God's grace.

Jerry Bridges, *The Disciplines of Grace*

## **Announcements and Call to Worship**

### **Prelude for Worship**

### **Call to Worship Hymn ..... Praise Him! Praise Him! (94)**

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;  
In His arms He carries them all day long.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;  
Power and glory unto the Lord belong!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness!  
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

**Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 35:1-10**

**35** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn ..... Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (318)**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;

Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

**Hymn ..... Lift High the Name of Jesus (141)**

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

**REFRAIN:**

O sing, my soul, and tell all He's done  
'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.  
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

**REFRAIN:**

O sing, my soul, and tell all He's done  
'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

**REFRAIN:**

O sing, my soul, and tell all He's done  
'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

**Scripture Reading ..... Acts 5:1-18**

**5** But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup>and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." <sup>5</sup>When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. <sup>7</sup>After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." <sup>9</sup>But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your

husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”<sup>10</sup> Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.<sup>11</sup> And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.<sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.<sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,<sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.<sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy<sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.

### **Worship in Tithes and Offerings**

**Sermon ..... Dr. Blair Waddell**  
**“Luke’s Use of ‘Signs and Wonders’” Acts 5:12-16**

**Hymn of Commitment ..... 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?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
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!

### **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**

#### **"Luke's Use of 'Signs and Wonders'" Acts 5:12-16**

- I. The purpose of Luke's two books (Luke 24:46-47; Acts 1:1-5)
- II. Zooming in on Acts 5:12-16
  - a. Signs and Wonders by the Apostles (Acts 2:4, 2:43, 3:6-8)
  - b. One public assembly in Solomon's Portico
  - c. Fear and respect with additions
  - d. The example of Peter (see Acts 3:16)
  - e. Healings and expelling demons (Luke 7:20-23)
- III. Zooming out with questions about signs and wonders
  - a. Should we expect the Messiah to do miracles? (Isaiah 35:5-6, 53:5; Luke 7:22-23)
  - b. Should we expect his followers to do miracles? (Joel 2:28-30; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8, 2:16-18)
  - c. Why do they have "power"? (Luke 24:44-49)
  - d. Who is able to perform signs and miracles? Apostles and those they authorize (Acts 4:30, 33, 14:14; Romans 15:18-19; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4; Stephen in Acts 6:8; Philip in Acts 8:5-7)
  - e. What about other supernatural occurrences in Acts?
  - f. Should we expect "signs and wonders" today? (John 10:27; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14)
  - g. What about other supernatural occurrences in modern times? (Matthew 24:14, 23-24; Ephesians 2:1-10)

### **K Group Questions for April 22**

1. Why does Jesus grant "power to the Apostles"? How does he do it? Does anyone generate such power on their own? Why or why not?

2. How does the author Luke employ the phrase “signs and wonders” throughout Acts?
3. What exact message are miracles to verify? (hint: Luke 24:44-49)
4. How do we see those signs and wonders in action throughout Acts? (Note specific instances.)
5. How should Christians think of the miraculous today?

### **Announcements**

❖ - New Announcement

### **Weekly Happenings:**

#### **Wednesday**

K Groups @ 6:00 PM - Host Homes/Youth at PBC  
Adult Choir Rehearsal Immediately Following K Groups

#### **Thursday**

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - Contact Sue Carter

#### **❖ Postpartum Support Group – April 22**

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 am at Jennifer Holt’s house for the Postpartum Support Group. Please let Jennifer know if you plan to attend or have any questions 205-601-3010.

#### **Boston Mission Trip Interest Meeting – April 26**

After church, there will be a Boston Mission Trip meeting on April 26, in Classroom 3: Theology 102. The dates of the Boston Mission Trip are August 31 through September 2, 2026. Contact Daniel Weaver with questions [daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us](mailto:daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us)

#### **Graduation Sunday – May 17**

All 2026 high school or college graduates, PBC would like to recognize you on May 17 for Graduation Sunday. Contact Joel Blevins to add your name to the list. If you have any questions, contact [joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us](mailto:joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us)

#### **Student Summer Camp 2026 – May 30-June 3**

Join us for our summer camp with Crossings at Cedarmore from May 30 - June 3! This camp is for all our middle and high school students. We’ll ride up in a couple of vans to beautiful Bagdad, Kentucky. We’ll have all the fun experiences of lake life, swimming, water zip-lines, laser tag, and much, much more (see the link below for all the activities you can choose from). 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 with questions: [joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us](mailto:joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us) and sign up on the PBC Website via the link provided.

❖ **VBS – June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteer and Children's registration sign-ups will be coming out May 1st. We are excited about our theme this year- The Beatitudes! Kimberly Cox has graciously agreed to be co-director for VBS this year. Thank you, Kim!

**For Your Calendar**

April 21	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 24	Games at Valley View @ 2:30 pm
April 26	Boston Trip Interest Meeting – after church
April 28	Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 5	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 10	Mother's Day
May 17	Graduation Sunday
May 19	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 26	Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 27	Summer Prayer Meetings Begin
May 30-June 3	Student Summer Camp 2026
June 8-12	VBS
June 28	Hymn Sing @ 6:00 pm